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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
 SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
 IS - NOI

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Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau and SACs Cleveland,
 Louisville, and New York dated 1/8/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Cleveland, Louisville,
 and New York are 12, one, three, and four copies of a letterhead
 memorandum relating to formation of "Main Bout, Inc." to
 manage CASSIUS CLAY.

- (7) - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
 1 - 105-24822 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 1 - 105-54773 (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)
 1 - 105-33561 (JOHN ALI)
 1 - 100-436351 (CASSIUS CLAY)
 1 - Cleveland (Enc. 1) (100- [redacted] (Info.) (RM)
 3 - Louisville (100-4558 CASSIUS CLAY) (Enc. 3) (Info.) (RM)
 1 - 100- [redacted]
 1 - 100- [redacted]
 4 - New York (105-7809) (Enc. 4) (RM) REC-13
 1 - 100- [redacted]
 1 - 100- [redacted]
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 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 1 - 100-31166 (HERBERT MUHAMMAD) EX-100
 1 - 100-37886 (JOHN ALI)
 1 - 100-40911 (CASSIUS CLAY)
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The letterhead memorandum is classified ~~Secret~~ as the information furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] could well result in their identification and compromise future effectiveness. X

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For information of New York, [redacted] is associated with Attorney [redacted] of New York City. [redacted] is the son of [redacted]. X

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For information of the Bureau and Cleveland, as noted in letterhead memorandum, [redacted] was emphatic when he stated he felt [redacted] was roped in on this. He likewise stated he did not think [redacted] was a Nation of Islam (NOI) member, stating he was certain he would have heard of it if he was. X

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AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. 1. Advise the Bureau and Chicago as to background data of [redacted] and [redacted] and past NOI connections or affiliations, if any. X

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2. Follow "Main Bout, Inc." and its possible incorporation in New York, and advise Bureau, Chicago, and other interested offices of developments. X

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Chicago, Illinois
January 11, 1966

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NATION OF ISLAM
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The Nation of Islam (NOI) is characterized in later
pages.

A confidential informant advised on January 8, 1966,
as follows:

[redacted] who legally
represents [redacted]
[redacted] is setting up "Main Bout Incorporated
Inc." for the purpose of managing [redacted]
[redacted] who is a member of the NOI, having N.Y.
been given the name [redacted] by Elijah Muhammad, the
national leader of the NOI. Main Bout, Inc. will control
[redacted] public appearances such as on
television, radio, and in the movies, and will also promote
other fighters. Main Bout, Inc. will be headquartered in
New York City [redacted]

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The officers of Main Bout, Inc., are to be:

President

Herbert Muhammad, at
\$45,000.00 per year

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Executive Vice-President [redacted]

Secretary

John Ali, at \$30,000.00 or
\$35,000.00 per year

Director of
Promotion

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Legal Advisor

[redacted]

The NOI will also receive income from receipts of Main Bout, Inc., although the percentage is not known.

Approximately one week ago, according to Herbert Muhammad, Elijah Muhammad designated him to be Clay's manager.

[redacted], who is a member of the NOI under the name [redacted] will also be managed by Main Bout, Inc.

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[redacted], who is a member of the NOI under the name [redacted], will be included in Main Bout, Inc. and will be Cassius Clay's [redacted]. [redacted] is a [redacted] of Clay.

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Main Bout, Inc., was sold to Clay partially on the premise he could take care of [redacted] and [redacted] without losing any of his profits.

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A second confidential informant advised in October, 1965, that Herbert Muhammad, one of Elijah Muhammad's sons, and John Ali are both national leaders of the NOI and are the Public Relations Director and National Secretary, respectively.

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⑧ [A third confidential informant advised on January 7, 1966. Elijah Muhammad was told [redacted]

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[redacted] asked the Messenger
he told he was now ready and willing to do anything the
Messenger asked him to do.

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Chicago, Illinois
January 11, 1966

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Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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FBI Watches Black Muslim, Cassius Clay

By EDMUND J. ROONEY
Chicago Daily News Service

CHICAGO — A report on Black Muslim leader Elijah Muhammad and his protégé, boxing champion Cassius Clay, was being prepared today for J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI.

The report resulted from several weeks of undercover probes of the black supremacist cult by FBI agents and Chicago police.

The report will include critical speeches by Muhammad at the Muslims' convention here Saturday and yesterday, it was learned.

In addition, it is expected to cite Clay's remarks against his being drafted into the Army and against the nation's military endeavors in Viet Nam.

Muhammad, 69, spoke with rancor against whites during a four-hour tirade yesterday. Some of his remarks:

On U.S. policy in Viet Nam—"What the hell are we doing over there? If they want us to go to Viet Nam, give us something to fight for."

On Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—"King said he loves white folks. The whites

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know this. He has fallen in with unfriendly people."

On President Johnson — "President Johnson, the courts and the FBI have all let us down."

On the Roman Catholic Church—"Why don't the Catholics leave the Negroes alone (in America) and stop trying to get us into their churches?"

Clay attended the convention but did not make a speech or sit on the platform with Muhammad as he did last year.

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Mr. Mohr	/
Mr. Wick	/
Mr. Casper	/
Mr. Callahan	/
Mr. Conrad	/
Mr. Felt	/
Mr. Gale	/
Mr. Rosen	/
Mr. Sullivan	/
Mr. Tavel	/
Mr. Trotter	/
Tele. Room	/
Miss Holmes	/
Miss Gandy	/

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The Louisville Times
Louisville, Ky

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Editor: Barry Bingham
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On 2/28/66, in connection with interviewing [redacted] reliable, concerning the recent Annual Muslim Convention (AMC) in Chicago the informant provided the following information to SA [redacted] (C)

CASSIUS CLAY wore a Fruit of Islam (FOI) captain's uniform at the AMC held at the Chicago Coliseum, 1513 South Wabash Avenue, on 2/26, 27/66. CLAY is definitely not a captain in the FOI and his wearing the uniform was only honorary. He holds no position whatsoever in the FOI and does not even attend FOI meetings. Officials in the NOI want to force him to attend FOI meetings to discipline him, as they are extremely dissatisfied with his attitude and the way he speaks so spontaneously. They feel he needs much more discipline than he presently has to be a satisfactory Muslim. (C)

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Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Bureau, cc Louisville
 and New York, dated 2/23/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Louisville are
 10 and 1 copy respectively of an LHM relating to events surrounding
 the Annual Muslim Convention (AMC) scheduled to be held in
 Chicago on 2/26 and 27/66, specifically referring to "search
 procedures" of the NOI and opposition thereto by the Chicago
 Fire Department and the Chicago Police Department, and information
 regarding ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's reactions to the CASSIUS CLAY draft
 status publicity.

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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ as the information
 attributed to [] in the LHM could well result in his
 identification.

On 2/24/66, [] Security Section, Intelligence
 Division, Bureau of Inspectional Services, Chicago Police Department

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advised there is a city ordinance covering public meetings, such as the AMC, which requires management of the buildings being used to cooperate with the police and with the Fire Department. This ordinance states that any conflict between the individuals renting the building and the police or Fire Department would mean the management would have to cancel the contract renting the building. According to [redacted], this would mean the convention would be immediately discontinued if trouble arose. b6 b7C

On 2/24/66, [redacted], 21st District, Chicago PD, inquired of SA [redacted] as to the various hotels and motels at which members of the NOI resided during past conventions. He was furnished this information on a confidential basis. [redacted] stated the reason for this inquiry was the fact that in the past some NOI members have walked out of the hotels and motels without paying their bills and that if they return this year it is possible they may be denied residence and that a subsequent flareup might ensue. He added that they were following this situation very closely, [redacted] also inquired as to whether the FBI had any information regarding any activities planned on the part of out-of-town Muslims during the Convention and he was advised in the negative other than the fact that their obvious purpose was solely to attend the AMC. b6 b7C

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The ~~Event of Islam~~ are characterized in latter pages.

The "Chicago Sun-Times" in its four star final edition of February 24, 1966, on page 32 carried an article entitled, "Don't Frisk Firemen, Quinn Tells Muslims". The article reflected as follows:

"To search or not to search -- that was the question that occupied both the fire department and the Black Muslims Wednesday.

"The Black Muslims, preparing for their convention Saturday and Sunday, (February 26 - 27, 1966) in the Coliseum, 1513 S. Wabash, insisted they would search anybody and everybody -- including firemen -- attending their two day meeting.

"'Anyone who enters will be searched', said John Ali, secretary to the sect leader, Elijah Muhammad, formerly named Elijah Poole. 'That has been our policy and that's our policy now'.

"The Other Corner

"In the other corner Fire Commander Robert J. Quinn seconded Francis J. Murphy, Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau, who had announced that this year no fireman would be searched.

"Last year Muslim guards frisked a dozen or so firemen assigned to the Coliseum during the 1965 convention. This was because the firemen were 'taken by surprise', Murphy said.

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"As with one voice, both Quinn and Murphy announced 'This year there will be no search of firemen'.

"'An Insult'

"Quinn said he saw no reason to submit his men 'to this indignity.' Murphy pointed out that firemen have a right to enter any building in the line of duty. Their duty at the convention will be to check all doors and exits.

"Murphy said he himself considered it 'an insult' for his men to be frisked by the karate-taught Fruit of Islam, as the sect's heavy men are called.

"Ali, speaking from the cult's Mosque No. 2 at 5335 S. Greenwood, argued the pro - search case by saying: 'It's a religious meeting and policemen or firemen who come in with guns will be searched.' In the next sentence, Ali added that the search would cover everybody else also.

"He also said that all Muslims would be there. When asked if this included Cassius Clay, alias Muhammad Ali, the sect spokesman said there was 'no word about this at this time.'

"At what is known as the World's Heavyweight Fight headquarters in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Ben Bentley, the fight promoter, assured everybody that 'the word' was Clay would skip the convention altogether, although he will be here Friday to appear before the Illinois Boxing Commission.

"As for the police being searched at the convention Saturday and Sunday, Deputy Commander James B. Conlisk said no uniformed policemen would be inside but would do patrol duty outside.

"But if an emergency arose and the uniformed police crashed in, 'they would not submit to any search', Conlisk said."

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The "Chicago Sun-Times" is a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois.

[A confidential informant] advised on December 6, 1961, Muhammad's Temple No. 2, Chicago, annually holds a convention which is referred to as the Annual Muslim Convention (AMC) or as Saviour's Day on or around February 26th, in honor of the Nation of Islam Saviour, W. D. Fard (Allah), whose birth date is said to be February 26, 1877.

[The same source] advised on February 23, 1966, that John Ali is National Secretary of the Nation of Islam and a national leader in this organization.

[A second confidential informant] advised in February, 1966, that Cassius Clay, the heavyweight boxing champion of the world, is a member of the NOI under the name Muhammad Ali, which name was given him by Elijah Muhammad, the national leader of the NOI.

The second source advised on February 24, 1966, that Elijah Muhammad at present is inclined to search everyone at the AMC but may back down and let the fire inspectors enter without searching them. This source stated that Muhammad is not too sure of his speeches to be given and is uneasy and aggravated about the Convention. He has stated he could use the fire inspectors' entry as an excuse to call off the entire convention as he did a year or two ago in a similar situation at a rally in Flint, Michigan.

This source added that Muhammad plans to conduct both sessions of the AMC and to be the sole speaker at both sessions. Muhammad has stated he cannot trust anyone else to speak in view of the present touchy issues such as the Cassius Clay incident and the fire inspectors entrance into the Coliseum. Muhammad plans to speak on persecution of the NOI by the Government since the days of Fard Muhammad to the present. He is very aggravated at the present time and while originally planning to stay away from criticism of the white man, will probably now do so.

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This source said Muhammad has stated no one can make him back down. If "they" think "they" can make him back down, "they" are mistaken. Muhammad is "shaky", however, and can change his mind at any time as he has no faith in his speech at the present time. (S)

This source said Muhammad has perfect control over his followers and if he called the Convention off, he would tell them to go home and they would comply without causing an outburst of any type. The source said that there is a fifty-fifty chance that Muhammad will call off the Convention. (S)

This source added that Muhammad is angry and very aggravated over [redacted] as he feels the [redacted] is actually against himself as it implies he, Muhammad, and the NOI are [redacted] (S)

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APPENDIX

FRUIT OF ISLAM

On May 7, 1965, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings, and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon." Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

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Chicago, Illinois

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Louisville
and New York are nine, one and one copies of a letterhead
memorandum setting forth information regarding the financial
status and [redacted] furnished the information set forth
in the letterhead memorandum.

The letterhead memorandum is classified confidential
as the information furnished by the source could reasonably
result in his identification.

[redacted] advised on 2/23/66 that he was told by
Attorney EDWARD JACKO of New York that CLAY was presently

[redacted] reliable, advised on 2/22/66 Attorney
JACKO was in contact with [redacted] and they discussed
what appeared to be means of appealing [redacted] mentioned was CLAY's
signature to a medical report for [redacted]

[redacted] JACKO asked if [redacted] had gone back
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for follow-up treatments and [] said he had not. [] commented this was the soundest grounds [] had so far and added he thought they should go ahead and put the [] in the record anyhow. [] replied that if they did that, they might find a job for him in the kitchen and [] stated that if that was a factor they would not take him at all. [] stated he got the [] papers and he wanted to have [] see them and fill them out, commenting his time was up next Monday.

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The Nation of Islam is characterized in later
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A confidential informant advised on 2/6/63

[redacted] in
Louisville, Kentucky. Information available, according to
the source, indicated [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] The source stated [redacted] is completely taken
in by Elijah Muhammad and his teachings in the Nation of
Islam.

The source continued [redacted] at present, is [redacted]
[redacted] despite his [redacted] past earnings.

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The source continued [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
[redacted] and has been ordered by Nation of Islam officials
to no longer speak to [redacted]

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The same confidential informant advised [redacted] b7D
[redacted] is a member of the Nation of Islam under the
name [redacted]
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TO DIRECTOR AND LOUISVILLE

FROM CHICAGO (100-35635) 082222

NATION OF ISLAM, IS-NOI:

[] RELIABLE, ADVISED TODAY [] RECEIVED
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CURTAIN GOING UP: The Cassius Clay-Ernie Terrell bout March 29 will be billed for the "UNDISPUTED" world championship . . . Clay plans to set up a training camp at the Madison Ballroom, while Terrell will seek a Loop site. . . .

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 Mr. Rosen _____
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 Miss Gandy _____

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CHICAGO SUNDAY
 SUN TIMES
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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 DATE 8-6-86 BY SP8 BTJ/agf

Date: 2-6-66

Edition:

Author: FOUR STAR FINAL

Editor: IRV KUPCINET

Title: EMMETT DEDMON

CASSIUS CLAY

Character: 100-40911
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Classification:

Submitting Office:

CHICAGO

UNDER INVESTIGATION

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Date: 1/25/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOIALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-6-86 BY 208 BTJ/afRe Chicago airtel and LHM to the Director, CC
Cleveland, Louisville, and New York dated 1/11/66.

The information set forth below is believed to refer to developments in the formation of "Main Bout, Inc." It is not being set forth in a communication suitable for dissemination as it is felt the information tends to be vague and further that if the corporation is incorporated in New York, as information available indicates it will be, full details will be available to New York at that time.

The New York Office has leads outstanding which were set forth in referenced airtel.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 1/24/66, HERBERT MUHAMMAD was in contact with an individual believed to be [redacted] HERBERT told [redacted] that [redacted]

- 4 - Bureau (RM) (1 - 100-436351) (CASSIUS CLAY)
 2 - Louisville (INFO) (RM) (1 - 100-4558 - CASSIUS CLAY)
 (1 - 100 - [redacted])
 1 - New York (105-7809) (INFO) (RM)
 7 - Chicago (1 - 100-6989 - ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 (1 - 100-31166 - HERBERT MUHAMMAD)
 (1 - 100-30968 - [redacted])
 (1 - 100-37886 - JOHN ALI)
 (1 - 100-40911 - CASSIUS CLAY)
 (1 - 100 - [redacted])

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(believed to be [redacted] told him he should have a check for \$3,000 and [redacted] should have a check for \$2,000. [redacted] asked HERBERT if it would be all right to turn that "Bread" over and HERBERT stated he had not talked to [redacted] about that. HERBERT instructed [redacted] to call [redacted] and tell him about it. [redacted] asked if everything was going through and he replied it looked as if it was. HERBERT stated [redacted] a New York attorney who has represented ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in the past) told him they should have that check in between now and Thursday. [redacted] stated that possibly he should call [redacted] and see if there is any way he can send the money in. HERBERT instructed [redacted] to tell him to send the "5" in right away so they can send the checks. [redacted] asked if [redacted] was in New York and HERBERT replied he was in Louisville with [redacted].

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[redacted] later mentioned they would have to make provisions for [redacted] CASSIUS CLAY) split and add that on. HERBERT replied no, "he" said it was all right for [redacted] to have a salary and to be an employee but that [redacted] cannot have any shares. HERBERT continued "he" does not want him on the Board of Directors either as that would mean he would have control of the company. HERBERT continued they had put [redacted] (believed to be [redacted] on the board. [redacted] said they already had him on the board. HERBERT stated [redacted] had called about it and he had asked [redacted] if the name "[redacted]" would hurt it and [redacted] had said no. So, according to HERBERT, [redacted] name is on it (believed to be the Board of Directors of "Main Bout, Inc.").

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ON 8-6-86

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330371)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM to the Director cc
Louisville, dated 12/15/65, regarding the [redacted]

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On 1/17/66 [redacted]

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The "Chicago Sun Times," a daily newspaper
published in Chicago, in its 4 Star Final Edition, 1/18/66,

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2 - Louisville (RM)
1 - 100-4553 (CASSIUS CLAY)
1 - 100- [redacted]
1 - Miami (100- [redacted]) (Info) (RM)
2 - Chicago
1 - 100-40311 (CASSIUS CLAY)

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on Page 62, carried an article titled "Cassius Misses Date in Court; Jury Trial Asked". The article verified the above and reflected Attorney CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE, representing CLAY, as well as OMAR BEY, 23, of Miami, requested a jury trial in a brief appearance before Magistrate JAMES N. SULLIVAN stating Traffic Court was "hardly the place for the champ to have his rights defended. This is something the community should judge and the community is best represented by the jury."

For information, ESKRIDGE is a Chicago attorney who has represented ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and the NOI in the past. [redacted] has been identified as [redacted] whose true name is [redacted]. According to those sources, [redacted] has recently been thrown out of the NOI for having caused [redacted]. The Bureau has been previously advised of this. (X)

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Chicago will follow this matter. Pertinent data will be forwarded the Bureau in communication suitable for dissemination, if deemed necessary.

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1-17-66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOIDECLASSIFIED BY SP8 BTJ/08
ON 8-6-96

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM)
to the Bureau, copies Cleveland, Louisville, and New York,
dated 1/11/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Louisville
and New York are 9, 2 and 1 copies of a LHM relating
to [] being on the payroll of []

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Sources utilized in the LHM are []
and []

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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ as the data
furnished by [] could well result in his identification
and compromise effectiveness.

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1 - 100-4558 (CASSIUS CLAY)
1 - 100- []
1 - New York (105-7809) (Encl. 1) (Info) (RM)
11 - Chicago
1 - 100-31166 (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)
1 - 100-37886 (JOHN ALI)
1 - 100-40911 (CASSIUS CLAY)
1 - 100- []
1 - 100-39267 []
1 - 100-31804 (ETHEL SHARRIEFF)
1 - 100-27167 (RAYMOND SHARRIEFF)
1 - 100-33439 []
1 - 100- [] (JOE LOUIS)
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For the information of the Bureau and Louisville, [redacted] advised on 1/14/66 that [redacted] of Louisville, Kentucky, who was a member of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and who was a [redacted] and was scheduled to be employed in "Main Bout, Inc", has now been thrown out of the NOI. According to [redacted] had been having

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[redacted] will not even talk to [redacted] now (S)

(S) [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 12/31/65 Brother [redacted] which is the name used by [redacted] in the NOI) spoke to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and stated he was going to [redacted] [redacted] and wanted an appointment with the Messenger.

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For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] is the [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] and the [redacted] of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD respectively.

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[redacted] also advised there is much friction in the "royal family" regarding [redacted] and "Main Bout, Inc.". He stated CLAY had complained to a degree about HERBERT MUHAMMAD to [redacted] one of [redacted] [redacted]. Source added [redacted] does not have the courage, however, to go any further. Source also advised [redacted] [redacted] also wants in on some of this money and there is definitely friction involved. Chicago is following this closely for developments. (S)

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Chicago, Illinois
January 17, 1966

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INTERNAL SECURITY -
NATION OF ISLAM

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ON 8-6-86

The Nation of Islam (NOI) is characterized in
later pages.

A confidential informant advised on January 14,
1966, [redacted]

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[redacted] is now on the payroll of [redacted]
[redacted] duties will include [redacted] etc. [redacted]
will also be part of "Main Bout, Inc.", a proposed corporation
being set up to manage [redacted] which
will have Herbert Muhammad as its President and [redacted]
as its Secretary. A

A second confidential informant advised
in October, 1965, Herbert Muhammad, one of
Elijah Muhammad's sons, and John Ali are both
National Leaders of the NOI and are the Public
Relations Director and National Secretary respectively.

This same source advised [redacted] is a
member of the NOI, having been given the name
[redacted] by Elijah Muhammad in this regard.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 17, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title	NATION OF ISLAM
Character	INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM
Reference	Memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below), whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Director, FBI (25-330971)

1/13/66

SAC, Miami (105-544)

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DATE 8-6-86 BY SP3 BTJ/ag

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/7/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Chicago and Louisville are copies of three clippings from Miami Daily newspapers concerning CASSIUS CLAY's recent divorce from CONYA CLAY.

These articles show that CLAY was refused an annulment of his marriage. He was granted a divorce on January 7, 1966, at Miami, Florida, and was ordered to pay his former wife \$1,250.00 a month for the next 121 months, unless she dies or re-marries. He also was ordered to pay her attorneys' fees of \$22,500.00, for a total cost to him of approximately \$173,000.00.

The only NOI implications known to have been brought up during this trial are those mentioned in the enclosed articles. These include the fact that CLAY requested the divorce because his wife "hasn't lived up to the Muslim faith." He testified that she had agreed to do this prior to their marriage. He testified that she did not dress modestly and she wore lipstick.

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 - (1 - 100-436351) (CASSIUS CLAY)
- 4 - Chicago (2 - 100-35635) (NOI) (Encls.-3) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-40911) (CASSIUS CLAY)
 - (1 - 100-0-91100) (CONYA CLAY)
- 3 - Louisville (2 - 100-4553) (Encls.-3) (CASSIUS CLAY) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-4577) (NOI)
- 2 - Miami (1 - 105-544) (NOI)
 - (1 - 105-5262) (CASSIUS CLAY)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 1/4/66, [redacted], was in contact with the Holy Apostle stating he had to be in Miami on that date with [redacted] a New York lawyer who represents the Nation of Islam (NOI), and some of its legal involvement), to make preparations for [redacted]. [redacted] stated he would be in [redacted] on the [redacted]. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD then thanked [redacted] on behalf of the Muslims, for what he had given toward the "Center", and added it was what was needed so that Muslims could go ahead.

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On 1/5/66, Attorney [redacted] in Miami, Florida, advised HERBERT MUHAMMAD he wanted the original copy of the letter mailed from Miami, in [redacted] by [redacted] stated he also wanted HERBERT to come to Miami to be available to testify to receipt of the letter if necessary. It was indicated the letter concerned [redacted] as prescribed by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. ELIJAH MUHAMMAD then spoke to [redacted] and advised

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
 - (1 - 100-436351, CASSIUS CLAY)
- 3 - Louisville (100-CASSIUS CLAY) (RM)
 - (1 - 100-4577) (NOI)
- 2 - Miami (105-544) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-EDWARD JACKO) (INFO) (RM)
- 5 - Chicago
 - (1 - 100-40911, CASSIUS CLAY)
 - (1 - 100-6989, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
 - (1 - 100-31166, HERBERT MUHAMMAD)
 - (1 - 100-0-91166, SONJA CLAY)

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him he did not want his son to testify in this adding it concerned the Nation of Islam and it was something he, (ELIJAH), should testify to. ELIJAH then added it was not necessary to testify to this as it has been the law of Islam for 35 years.

There is no indication from any source that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD intends to go to Miami to testify in this trial.

The "Chicago Sun-Times", four star final edition of 1/7/66, on page 50, carried "Kup's Column," a daily column by IRV KUCNENT, who is a well known TV personality in the Chicago area, which column reflected that the United States Government was again considering a re-evaluation of the draft status of CASSIUS CLAY.

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The Louisville Office is requested to follow the draft status of CASSIUS CLAY bearing in mind the possibility he may claim a C.O. status and a possible trial may issue in the event he is found eligible for the draft.

The Miami Office is requested to follow the divorce action between CASSIUS and SONJA CLAY, with particular emphasis being placed on any NOI implication being brought into this matter.

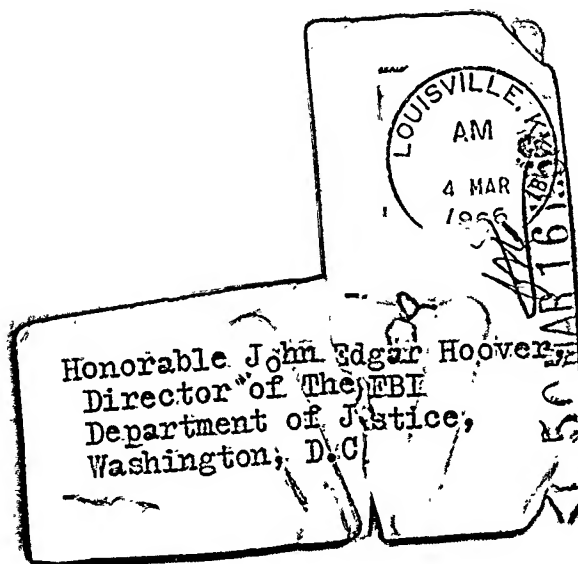
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To: General Hershey, Director of The Draft
The White House, Washington, D.C.
Attention: The White House

3/3/66

The Publisher, Voice-Jeffersonian, Louisville 7, Ky.

This morning ^{Louisville} Courier Journal 3/3/66 carried a sports ar on page B 10 by Dave Kindred, CJ Staff writer concernin Clay fight going to Montreal with a map showing the various US locations that wanted no part of the title bout between the Muhammad Ali and Terrell. Now the Black Muslims propose staging the affair in Montreal. This will be good rid- dance for the crowd supporting Cassius and his ilk. I hope that they decide to remain in Canada. It wasn't so long ago that some folks from Montreal visited our country with the ambition to blow up the Statue of Liberty, the White House and Congress. Now we are sending back some of our folks to repeat their mission. Dave Kindred of the C.J. wrote that Illinois Governor Otto Kerner wrapped himself in the American flag, worn so many times by politicians, branding Cassius Clay unpatriotic and ordering the boat banished from the unblemished state. Only yesterday another CJ Staff Writer, Larry Boeck in the Courier statet that Governor Edward T. Breathitt had a cool attitude toward the bout in Louisville. No word was mentioned about Breathitt wrapping himself in an American flag, nor did he infer that Kentucky was a pure state, without a blemish. It is so strange how this unchallenged paper can side with Clay to such an extent as to characterize Kerner as a hypocrite and Breathitt as a gallant patriot. Did the Courier Journal do this merely to influence the Local Draft Board and allow the Muhammad to leave for Montreal in order to cash in some millions for themselves and the Black Muslims. I hope that Carl Braden of Communist fame can accompany the Muhammad Ali to Montreal as his protector. Why is it that the Courier prints the news favorable to Ali Cassius Clay, yet ignores that which is unfavorable? Is it because Worth Bingham, the Son of the Publisher of this paper is in the syndicate con- trolling Clay? Or that the attorney, Arthur W. Grafton, partner of former Lieut. Gov. W.W. Wyatt, Atty. for this paper is in the syndicate also? Are there no American flags in the Commonwealth of Ky. with which Governor Breathitt could envelop himself in, for he did exactly what Governor Kerner did in banning the fight here? If Montreal approves the fight, I shall use every means at my command to influence people to boycott the Montreal Fair of 1967. I have plenty time to do this job and the means to do it. I bear no grievance toward Cassius Clay, but when he applauds an ex-convict Elijah who condemns LBJ, the FBI, then that's enough. B. Unger.

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Date: 3-1-66

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

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ON 8-6-86

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOICLASS. & EXT. BY SP1 gsk/dcm
REASON-FCIM II 1-2.4.2 / 2
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3-7-80Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and SAC, Louisville
dated 2/26/66.

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Referenced teletype set forth data regarding decision
of [] not to []
over remarks regarding []

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Set forth below is supplemental information as furnished
by [] who has furnished reliable information in the past,
on 2/26/66 regarding this matter: (X)

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ELIJAH MUHAMMAD during the morning of [] read "Kun's
Column" in the "Chicago Sun-Times" wherein it was stated [][] This infuriated MUHAMMAD and he called
[] HERBERT MUHAMMAD and possibly [] o his
residence at which time it was decided [][] This was directed strictly by ELIJAH
MUHAMMAD and was even a surprise to [] legal representation
[] (X)

(4) Bureau (RM)

(1) - 100-436351 CASSIUS CLAY

1 - Louisville (100-4558 CASSIUS CLAY) (Info) (RM)

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1 - 100-6989 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD

1 - 100-31166 HERBERT MUHAMMAD

1 - 100-40911 CASSIUS CLAY

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On later advice from [redacted] a Chicago attorney who has represented MUHAMMAD in the past, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is taking control over [redacted] away from HERBERT MUHAMMAD and will now have the final say on [redacted] actions. This is believed to be temporary. (C) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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[redacted] is scheduled to appear before [redacted] on [redacted]. It is believed he will at that time go into his basic reasons for [redacted]. (C) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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The guess is the group will make a bid to other cities to [redacted]. The entry of the Attorney General of Illinois into the matter stating [redacted] in Illinois caused tremendous confusion among the NOI leaders and left MUHAMMAD really mad. (C) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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The above is not being put in a communication for dissemination as it is felt it should not be disseminated outside the Bureau and it is also felt [redacted] actions at [redacted] [redacted] will be public through the news media. Also the source is one of only a few who know of the above. (C) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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For information of the Bureau, "Kup's Column", as appeared on page 82 of the "Chicago Sun-Times", 2/24/66, stated "Word from Miami is that Muhammad (Clay) Ali is working on the most abject apology known to man for his appearance Friday before the Illinois Athletic Commission". A similar statement appeared in "Kup's Column" in the 2/25/66 issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times".

"Kup's Column" is written by IRV KUPCINET, a well known Chicago columnist and TV personality.

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Date: 3/10/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436351)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-5262)(RUC)

CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka
SM - NOI

OO: Louisville

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies of a
letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.
Two copies are enclosed for Chicago and Louisville.

③ Bureau (Encl 5) (ENCLOSURE)
2-Chicago (100-23360) (Encl 2) (RM)
2-Louisville (100-4558) (Encl 2) (RM)
1-Miami
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1cc Encl. T. O'neal Smith
CO Section Dept.

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T. J. Jones

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida

March 10, 1966

CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.,
also known as
SECURITY MATTER - NATION OF ISLAM

Cassius Clay, also known as Muhammad Ali, world heavyweight boxing champion, is a self-admitted member of the Nation of Islam (NOI).

A characterization of the NOI
is contained in the appendix
attached hereto.

The March 5, 1966 edition of the "Miami Herald", a Miami, Florida, daily newspaper, carried an article by [redacted] entitled "Legion Denounces Clay, Threatens to Picket". This article states the 2,700-member, Harvey W. Seeds American Legion Post, of Miami, Florida, had passed a resolution which "bitterly denounced Heavyweight Champion Cassius Clay and threatened to picket any local theater that televised his coming title bout".

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The resolution requested theater owners in Miami and throughout the nation to refuse to display "any contest involving the appearance of Cassius Clay".

According to this article, the Legion resolution was prompted by Clay's remarks at the time he learned that his draft board had reclassified him as eligible for military service.

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CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.

This article also showed that copies of this resolution would be sent to all veterans' organizations in Dade County, as well as the national headquarters of the American Legion, local government officials, and the Illinois Boxing Commission.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. W.J. Goodwin
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Bates

To: SAC, Louisville (100-4577)

From: Director, FBI (25-330971)

NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

ReCGtel to Bureau and Louisville and Louisville teletype
to Bureau and Chicago, both dated 3/6/66.

Per suggestion of Chicago set forth in reCGtel, enclosed
for Louisville is one copy of the 2/11/66 issue of "Muhammad
Speaks," which is to be furnished to [redacted] Chief
Clerk of all Louisville draft boards. The article appearing on
page [redacted] of this issue indicating that [redacted] is contemplating
a world trip should be brought to the attention of [redacted]
in a manner that will cause her to realize the possibility that
[redacted] might embark on such a trip directly after [redacted]
[redacted] No other information should be furnished
to [redacted].

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Enclosure

1 - Chicago (100-35635)

① - Bufile (100-436351) (Cassius Clay)

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NOTE:

[redacted] advised 3/4/66 that Elijah Muhammad, leader of
Nation of Islam, and some of his officials are discussing poss-
ibility [redacted] will embark on world trip after [redacted]

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25-330971-76413

Airtel to Louisville
Re: Nation of Islam
25-330971

[redacted] and not return to the United States in order to [redacted] Chicago and Louisville were requested to advise if possible to furnish this information to [redacted] without disclosing source. Chicago suggests Louisville furnish responsible [redacted] copy of [redacted] article from "Muhammad Speaks," Nation of Islam newspaper, indicating [redacted]

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[redacted] Chicago advises [redacted] in extremely precarious situation if information furnished Draft Board goes beyond above. Chicago's suggestion being adopted and Louisville being instructed to carry it out in order to protect physical safety of [redacted]

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URGENT

TO SACs CHICAGO
LOUISVILLE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (25-330971)

NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Bates

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RECGTEL MARCH FOUR, LAST, CC TO LOUISVILLE.

UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ARE RECEIVED FROM BUREAU,

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LOUISVILLE SHOULD NOT CONTACT [REDACTED] RE

POSSIBILITY [REDACTED] MIGHT NOT RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY AFTER PROPOSED

[REDACTED] AS SET FORTH IN RETEL. LOUISVILLE IMMEDIATELY

ADVISE BUREAU AND CHICAGO IF IT POSSESSES RELIABLE CONTACT AT

[REDACTED] WHO COULD BE EXPECTED TO KEEP SUCH INFORMATION
CONFIDENTIAL.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE BUREAU AND LOUISVILLE IF

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IDENTITY OF [REDACTED] WOULD BE DISCLOSED IF

IT SHOULD BECOME KNOWN THAT FBI ADVISED [REDACTED] THAT

[REDACTED] MIGHT NOT RETURN TO UNITED STATES AFTER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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① 100-436351-(Cassius Clay)

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ORIGINAL FILED IN 25-330971-1634

Teletype to SACs Chicago and Louisville
RE: NATION OF ISLAM
(25-330971)

NOTE:

Retel contains information from [] indicating []
[] may not return to United States after proposed []
[] in order to []
Chicago suggests Louisville, unless advised to contrary by
Bureau, furnish this information to [] but
warns extreme caution should be utilized to protect source.
[] is not supposed to travel outside of country without
[] permission. However, if [] refused this
permission it could be expected [] would demand to know
reason for refusal and possibility exists the FBI might be
disclosed as source of information that [] might not
return to this country. This could jeopardize security of
[]

[] Disclosure of identity of
[] could also result in extreme danger to informant's
physical safety. If replies to instant teletype indicate
we can contact [] with reasonable assurance that
[] will not be compromised, we will immediately do so.
However, informant's physical safety is our paramount
responsibility in this matter.

FBI

Date: 3/4/66

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (25-10704) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED
CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.,
aka Muhammad Ali;

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SELECTIVE SERVICE MATTERS

Title marked changed to include MARCELLUS as middle name for CASSIUS CLAY; to include his aka: Muhammad Ali; and to include as a second subject his brother, [REDACTED]

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Re Louisville radiogram to Bureau and Chicago dated 3/4/66.

[REDACTED] (Protect Per Request), [REDACTED] Louisville, Ky., on [REDACTED] confidentially furnished the following data concerning [REDACTED]

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- (4) - Bureau (1 - 25-330971) (RM) / 100-436351 -
2 - Chicago (1-100-35638) (RM)
1 - Miami (Info) (RM)
1 - New York (Info) (RM)
5 - Louisville (2 - 25-10704) (1 - 100-4558; CASSIUS CLAY)
(1 - 100-4694, [REDACTED]) (1 - 100-4577, NOI)

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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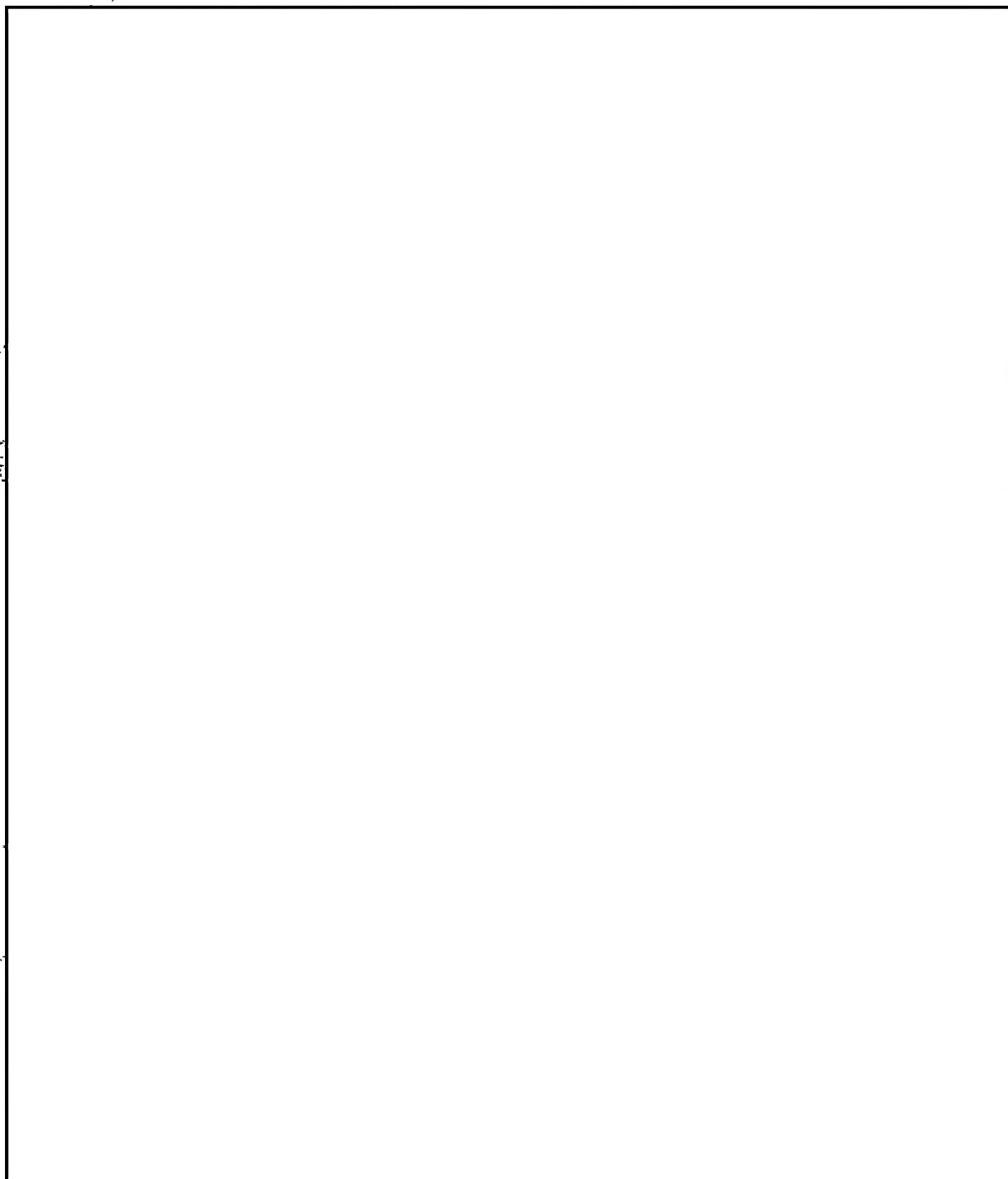
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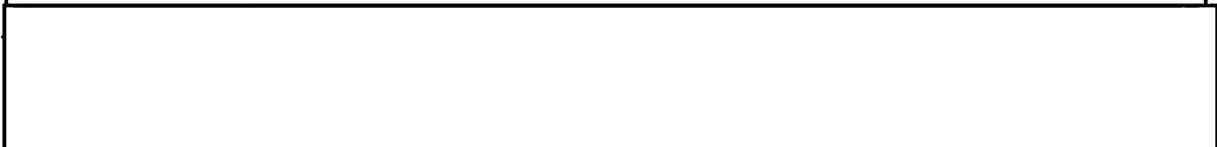
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As noted heretofore, the identity of the above source must be protected as the information was obtained from the [REDACTED] on a confidential basis.

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Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent
[redacted] developments concerning the captioned individuals.

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Copies of instant communication being sent to
designated offices at this time for information purposes.

DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

3/3/66

SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum to the
Director, cc Louisville, dated 12/15/65.

Referenced letterhead memorandum set forth data
regarding a traffic arrest of CASSIUS CLAY in Chicago, Illinois
on 12/14/65.

On 2/25/66 [redacted], ascertained
through the records of Municipal Court, Chicago, CASSIUS CLAY
on 2/11/66 waived a jury trial on the above traffic charges
and was fined \$45.00 plus \$5.00 costs.

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It is noted the only publicity given this appeared
on page 2 of the "Chicago Tribune" 3 Star Final Edition of
2/21/66, which was substantially the same as above. A copy
of this article has been furnished the Bureau.

No further action is being taken on this.

3 - Bureau (RM)

(1 - 100-436351) (CASSIUS CLAY)

1 - Louisville (100-4558) (CASSIUS CLAY) (Info.) (RM)

2 - Chicago

(1 - 100-40911) (CASSIUS CLAY)

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FBI

Date: 3/17/66

Transmit the following in _____
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(Priority)DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 BTJ/08
ON 3-6-86

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436351)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-40911) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka
SM - NOI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

(OO: Louisville)

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum to the Director, copy for Louisville, dated 2/9/66, entitled "NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI;" and Chicago airtel to the Director, copy for Louisville, dated 2/28/66, entitled "NOI, IS - NOI."

Re Chicago airtel 2/9/66 reflected CASSIUS CLAY had placed an order for a captain's uniform in the Fruit of Islam at the A. G. Meier Uniform Company, Inc., 823 South Wabash, Chicago; that Chicago would contact its NOI sources in an effort to determine if CLAY actually holds a position of authority in the NOI or if he has merely been given an honorary title so Louisville, office of origin in this matter, could give consideration as to whether or not CLAY should be considered for the Security Index.

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OTHERWISE

Re Chicago airtel dated 2/28/66 set forth data b7D furnished by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 2/28/66 to the effect CASSIUS

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 25-330971) (NOI)
2 - Louisville (100-4558) (RM)
1 - Chicago

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CLASS. & EXT. BY SP-1 [signature]
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C. C. Wick
Approved: [signature]
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Special Agent in Charge

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CLAY wore an FOI captain's uniform at the 2/26 and 27/66 sessions of the Annual Muslim Convention held at the Coliseum, 1513 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago; that CLAY definitely was not a captain in the FOI and his wearing of the uniform was only honorary; that he holds no position whatsoever in the FOI and does not even attend FOI meetings; that NOI officials want to force him to attend FOI meetings to discipline him as they are extremely dissatisfied with his attitude and the way he speaks out so spontaneously; that NOI officials feel CLAY needs much more discipline than he presently possesses to be a satisfactory Muslim. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

The following sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are acquainted with the activities of the NOI and its membership both on a national and local level, were contacted as shown below and furnished the information set forth.

[redacted] advised on 3/11/66 [redacted] is a member of the NOI and FOI under the name [redacted]

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[redacted] CLAY attended the 2/26 and 27/66 sessions of the Annual Muslim Convention at the Coliseum in Chicago. On both days he wore the uniform of a captain in the FOI. CLAY, at first, did not want to wear this uniform but was persuaded to do so. CLAY has no position of authority in the NOI. His wearing of an FOI captain's uniform is merely indicative of an honorary title bestowed on him because of his publicity value to the NOI.

[redacted] advised on 3/9/66 [redacted] is a member of the NOI and FOI under the name [redacted] CLAY has no known position of authority in the NOI, although he is treated as a "VIP" presumably because of his publicity value to the NOI. CLAY adheres to the teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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[redacted] advised on 3/2/66 [redacted] is a member of the NOI and a follower of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. [redacted] is known in the NOI as [redacted]. He holds no known position of authority in the NOI or at Muhammad's Temple No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago. The NOI does use [redacted] for publicity purposes.

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[redacted] advised on 2/28/66 [redacted] is known in the NOI as [redacted] and is a member of the NOI and FOI. [redacted] holds no position of authority in the NOI. He is [redacted] and is used by the NOI for publicity purposes. He adheres to the teachings of the NOI.

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[redacted] advised on 3/15/66, [redacted] who is also known as [redacted] is a member of the NOI and FOI. He was observed at the 2/26/66 session of the Annual Muslim Convention in Chicago at which time he was wearing an FOI uniform, blue in color, and was also wearing the FOI cap. [redacted] holds no position of authority in the NOI.

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[redacted] advised on 3/16/66, [redacted] whose Muslim name is [redacted] is a member of the NOI. He was last observed on 2/26 and 27/66 (the Annual Muslim Convention) at which time he was wearing a blue FOI uniform. [redacted] holds no position of authority in the NOI; however, the NOI uses [redacted] for publicity purposes. [redacted] when he makes an appearance, is usually with leaders of the NOI.

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[redacted] advised on 3/17/66 [redacted] whose Muslim name is [redacted] is a member of the NOI and of the FOI therein. [redacted] does not hold a position of authority in the NOI; however, because he is [redacted] he receives much publicity and praise from the NOI. As a member of the NOI he is entitled to wear the FOI uniform which may give the impression he is one of the leaders of the NOI. Due to his being [redacted] the NOI receives much publicity and when [redacted] makes an appearance he is usually with leaders of the NOI.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is close to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and other national leaders of the NOI, advised on 2/26/66 ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with HERBERT MUHAMMAD. HERBERT asked ELIJAH how he felt about Brother [redacted] (undoubtedly [redacted])

[redacted] It was gathered the two were discussing [redacted] attendance at the Annual Muslim Convention 2/26, 27/66). ELIJAH replied: "He can come. That's up to him. Nobody barring him from the meeting. He won't be up on no speakers stand. He's no minister. I'll tell you next time the reasons for these things. He won't speak unless I ask him to say something and I will tell him what to say. He won't do nothing only just say something like an 'amen' to it, you know, but I don't think I'll have him say anything today at all. But he can come out there. That's his place, his house of worship, being among the brothers. If he stays away, somebody will think he is deviating, so tell him to go out there. He can go out there now, anytime. He's just as full fledged member out there as he ever was."

As the Bureau and Louisville are aware extensive newspaper coverage was given to the recent Annual Muslim Convention in Chicago. In this connection many photographs were contained in these papers showing CLAY in his FOI captain's uniform. These clippings have been forwarded Louisville.

The above indicates that despite the fact CLAY has an FOI captain's uniform and apparently the blessings of MUHAMMAD to wear same, he holds no position of authority in the NOI; rather, the title is honorary because of his publicity value to MUHAMMAD and the NOI.

The above is for Louisville's assistance in this matter.

Chicago is routing this matter to Louisville as all outstanding leads have been covered. Chicago's sources

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remain alert for activities of CLAY. Pertinent developments will be forwarded the Bureau and Louisville as in the past.

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11:30 AM CST URGENT 3-15-66 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND LOUISVILLE

FROM CHICAGO 151707

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
 HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
 DATE 8-6-86 BY SP8 BTJ/ag

NATION OF ISLAM, IS - NOI.

RELIABLE, ADVISED MARCH 14 LAST HERBERT MUHAMMAD, SON OF ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, INDICATED "THEY" PRESUMABLY REFERRING TO MAIN BOUT, INC., WILL TAKE ON THE FIRST GUY, PRESUMABLY IN ABOVE INDICATES FURTHER DOES NOT INTEND TO IF CALLED.

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RECEIVED: 12:35 AM JG

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

Muhammad Ali-408

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FBI

Date: 3/12/66

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-40493)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-9508) (P)

[redacted] aka
IS - NOI

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 3-7-80 BY SP1/9/80
1-10-86 269371

Re Miami letter to the Bureau 1/17/66, Louisville
airtel 3/9/66, captioned "CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka;
[redacted] aka, Selective Service Matter".

For the information of all Offices subject is
minister of Mosque #29, Miami, and was listed by CASSIUS
CLAY on [redacted] as his pastor. Miami has received
Bureau authority to interview [redacted] although this
interview has not yet been conducted.

In view of the fact that it now appears a
co-investigation will be conducted in the near future
an interview with [redacted] at this time does not appear
advisable as it could result in embarrassment to the
Bureau.

UACB, Miami will not interview [redacted] at
this time; however, it is felt he should be interviewed
during the anticipated co-investigation. Should [redacted]
[redacted] not be interviewed during co-investigation, Miami
will re-submit request for authority to interview him.

- 5 - Bureau
1 - 25-330971 (NOI)
1 - 100-436351 (C. CLAY)
2 - Chicago
1 - 100-10911 (C. CLAY) (INFO)
1 - New York (INFO)
2 - Louisville (25-10704)
2 - Miami
1 - 105-5262 (C. CLAY)

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Date: 4/4/66

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436351)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-5262)(P)
 RE: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka
 SM - NOI

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 DATE 8-6-86 BY SP8 BTJ/afp

The 4/2/66 edition of the "Miami Herald" contained an article by C. G. BERNING, a staff writer. This article shows that CLAY was to appear at the Dade County Circuit Court, Miami, on 4/1/66 in connection with his failure to make his alimony payments to his former wife, SONJI. SONJI also failed to appear, her attorney claiming she missed her plane in Chicago.

SONJI's attorney produced a \$1,250 "insufficient funds" check drawn on the account of "Mohammed Ali Enterprises, Inc.". SONJI's attorney claimed CLAY has failed to make any alimony payments to her.

The hearing on this was changed to Tuesday, April 5, 1966, and the judge said that CLAY would have to explain why he has not made his alimony payments, and indicated that if this was not done, he would consider jailing CLAY for contempt of court.

Miami will follow this court action and a LHM will be prepared when action is completed.

cc - Wick
 3 Bureau (RM)
 1-Chicago (100-35635)(RM)(Info)
 1-Louisville (100-4558)(RM)(Info)
 1-Miami
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Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Sullivan

4/3/68

F. J. Baumgardner

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Baumgardner
1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Bates

**NATION OF ISLAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM**

The February 23, 1966, edition of "The Louisville Times," Louisville, Kentucky, carried a story captioned "FBI Watches Black Muslim, Cassius Clay," under the byline of Edmund J. Rooney, Chicago Daily News Service. The article stated that a report on Black Muslim leader, Elijah Muhammad, and his protegee, boxing champion Cassius Clay, was being prepared for J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI. According to the article, the report resulted from several weeks of undercover probes of the black supremacist cult by FBI Agents and Chicago police and would include speeches by Muhammad at the Nation of Islam Convention held February 26, 27, 1966, and would also cite Clay's remarks concerning his being drafted into the Army. The Director noted on this news item, "What is the basis for this? H."

I called Special Agent/Charge [redacted] in [redacted] of our Chicago Office on 3/3/68 concerning this news item. I asked [redacted] what was the basis for [redacted] statement the FBI was preparing a special report for the Director. [redacted] said this is just another example of irresponsible reporting. He said [redacted] is a reporter for the "Chicago Daily News" and is not considered by the Chicago Office to be a reliable reporter.

[redacted] said that Rooney called him at his home on 2/27/66 and asked [redacted] whether he had any comments concerning the Muslim Convention which was then currently in progress in Chicago. [redacted] told him he had no comments whatsoever. This was the only question [redacted] asked [redacted] concerning the Muslim activity.

According to [redacted] [redacted] made up his statement about the FBI out of whole cloth and added that [redacted] statements certainly were not based on any information provided him by the Chicago Office.

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1 - Bufile 100-436351 (Cassius Clay)

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Baumgardner to Sullivan
Re: NATION OF ISLAM
25-330971

The Nation of Islam, an all-Negro, semireligious, antiwhite organization, has been under continuous investigation by this Bureau for a number of years. We have requested no special report on Elijah Muhammad and Cassius Clay as alleged in the above-mentioned news item. Clay is a member of the Nation of Islam. [REDACTED] b7E

[REDACTED] but he is not the subject of an active investigation.

OBSERVATION:

Rooney's article is just another example of irresponsible journalism based on supposition or a desire for sensationalism with a total disregard for or lack of the true facts.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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Date: 4/6/66

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436351)
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-5262) (P)
 RE: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka
 SM - NOI

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 DATE 2-6-86 BY SP8 BTJ/bfo

Re Miami airtel to Bureau, dated 4/4/66.

Articles in the 4/4/66 edition of the "Miami News" and 4/5/66 edition of the "Miami Herald" showed that CLAY and his attorney failed to show up in Dade County Circuit Court on 4/4/66 in connection with his failure to pay his former wife alimony and failure to pay her attorneys fees of \$22,500.

The Circuit Judge ordered a contempt of court order be drawn up for CLAY's arrest and said he intended to give him a 30-day sentence. Dade County Sheriff's Office reportedly attempted to locate and arrest CLAY, but he disappeared 1/2 hour before the order was issued.

The Judge later relented the order and gave CLAY 48 hours to raise the money needed.

These articles indicated CLAY's attorney had two checks to be used as part payment by CLAY, one of which was written on the account of "ISLAM TEMPLE No. 2 in Chicago."

Bureau will be kept advised of developments in this matter.

③ - Bureau (RM) -
 2 - Chicago (100-35635) (RM)
 2 - Louisville (100-4558) (RM)
 1 - Miami
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J. E. WICK

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 4/14/66

Transmit the following in _____

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
 SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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CLASS. & EXT. BY W-2 TAP/K2

REASON - FCIM 11-2.4.2

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/13/66 the current issue of "Sports Illustrated" carries an article concerning CASSIUS CLAY and his activities in Miami, Florida, at the time he was training for his scheduled fight with ERNIE TERRILL, and at the time he made his comments about service in the Armed Forces of the United States in early 1966. The source stated that the author of this article apparently was allowed to mingle with him and his entourage while training in Miami and was also permitted to carry a tape recorder with him during this period of time. According to the source, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is most upset about this article and that the fact CLAY allowed this individual to use a tape recorder while in CLAY's company. MUHAMMAD blames CLAY for this and at present is extremely upset with CLAY.

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A CASE OF CONSCIENCE

BY JACK OLSEN

Call him Cassius Clay or Muhammad Ali, the Muslim name he prefers. He is the best-known athlete in the world. He is also the most hated, and an enigma even to those closest to him. In this first installment of a five-part series the writer probes beneath the bombast and doggerel that have characterized Clay's public life and reveals a hardheaded bigot who can be more unpleasant than his critics imagined. But underlying the demagoguery and devilry is the conscience of a genuine objector. Conscience, in fact, is a theme that runs through Cassius Clay's life—his own, often misguided, and that of the society which spawned him

It is one of those houses that always seem stuffy, where the warm smell of dinner hangs around till the next morning, and you can reconstruct the previous night's menu by sniffing in corners. In this house there is the constant presence of Negroes, of too many humans for the size of the place, whatever their color. They drift in and out: celebrity Negroes, little pickaninny Negroes, big sparring-partner Negroes, door-to-door salesman Negroes, neatly dressed Muslim Negroes, old Negroes in skinny yellow shoes, young Negroes in porkpie hats, affluent Negroes driving black Cadillacs. In this house, kept neat and tidy

by three uniformed Muslim "sisters," there remains something of the atmosphere of a "colored only" waiting room on the main line of the Florida East Coast Railway.

In a tiny front bedroom of the small bungalow in a shabby section of northwest Miami, the world's heavyweight champion lay half awake, undergoing an interview about his early life, trying not to tell too much, partially because there are portions that are painful to him and partially because he is under the impression that his "whole life story, as told by me myself," is a precious commodity worth a minimum.

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Mirror images of recent news photos reflect the many moods of the champion.

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of \$50,000. The telephone rang on the cluttered dresser next to the bed, and Cassius Clay, in his role as Muhammad Ali, picked it up and said a dignified "hello." The caller was a local television personality, a man who could generate publicity; so the champ loosened up.

"Hello, Mis-ter Ed Lane," he said cheerfully. This is one of Clay's trademarks: calling white men by both their names. He likes to spot you approaching, and when you come into range he beams and throws out with mock pomposity and careful syllabilization: "Ange-lo Dun-dee!" "Gor-don Da-vid-son!" "Gil-bert Ro-gini!" That is, if he remembers your name. It takes many exposures to a white man before his name sinks into the consciousness of Cassius Clay. This is because he has erected a sort of racial curtain that screens whites out of his emotional life. A white man's name is of no importance to him, nor are "whiteys" themselves, except insofar as they can further his career.

Mr. Ed ("Mark 'Em Down") Lane, who until his recent death conducted conversational television interviews on a Miami station, fell in this latter category. "How you feeling?" Cassius asked. Lane remarked that the champion's name was all over the newspapers again that morning, whereupon Cassius began one of his Greek-chorus speeches, a mock lament that sounded as though it had been written the night before, rehearsed for several hours and saved for just such an auspicious occasion as a telephone call from Lane.

"I stay in the paper, don't I?" Cassius said softly into the phone. "Poor old me. Always in the press. Man, man! What do people think about me? A young 24-year-old boy, just a athlete, in the headlines eight times out of 10 for something other than boxing and always something controversial, exciting and drama. Year in, year out. Month after month, never dies, and I manage to come through it strong, and trained, too. What do people think about me?"

Seldom in the long history of rhetorical questions has one been answered so quickly and thoroughly. Within a few days Cassius had popped off about the draft, and newspaper editorial writers

and columnists and statesmen and Bowery bums were telling the world heavyweight champion what they thought about him in some of the strongest language ever used to describe a sports figure. He was "a self-centered spoiled brat of a child," "a sad apology for a man," "the all-time jerk of the boxing world," "the most disgusting character in memory to appear on the sports scene." "Bum of the month. Bum of the year. Bum of all time."

The governor of Illinois found Clay "disgusting," and the governor of Maine said Clay "should be held in utter contempt by every patriotic American." An American Legion post in Miami asked people to "join in condemnation of this unpatriotic, loudmouthed, bombastic individual," and dirty mail began to arrive at Clay's Miami address. ("You're nothing but a yellow nigger," said a typical correspondent, one of many who forgot to sign their names.) The *Chicago Tribune* waged a choleric campaign against holding the next Clay fight in Chicago; the newspaper's attitude seemed to be that thousands of impressionable young Chicagoans would go over to the Viet Cong if Cassius were allowed to engage in fisticuffs in that sensitive city.

Amplified by the newspaper (on one day it ran 11 items about Clay), the noise became a din, the drumbeats of a holy war. TV and radio commentators, little old ladies from Champaign-Urbana, bookmakers and parish priests, armchair strategists at the Pentagon and politicians all over the place joined in a crescendo of get-Cassius clamor.

There were a few amateur psychologists who wondered if there might have been more to the public uproar than simple patriotism. "Doesn't it seem that people got madder than they should have?" an observer asked. "The thing is, Americans have become so guilty about Negroes that they bend over further than they want to in their attitude toward them. Then along comes somebody like Cassius, and they feel free to unload their resentment and pour it on."

Did he mean that some of the com-

plainants might have been motivated by some factor as evil as race prejudice?

"Well, the people who made the biggest fuss about him are the same ones who blew their tops when he became a Muslim. This made him antiwhite, and it inflamed their own prejudices. So they could scream about him, and what makes it nice is it's socially acceptable."

Whatever the underlying reasons, the bombilating Kentucky Negro had managed to rub the whole country the wrong way, and it had become necessary for the whole country to rise up in anger. As Clay's personal physician, the astute Ferdie Pacheco of Miami, explained: "We're getting back to the Korean war status, where the guy who goes into the Army is no longer a jerk but a man who's doing his duty and is to be applauded. Now comes Cassius saying he ain't got nothing against no Viet Congs. Had he come out a year ago with that, many people might have said, 'Well, another Clay witticism.' Now he says it and he sounds like a traitor. And then he compounds the problem by saying it's a white man's war when there's a lot of colored people over there dying."

Said a Miami newspaperman who had studied and enjoyed Clay for six years: "Every time I begin to think that he really has the makings of a sweet person he does something like this, something so outrageous. Some of that stuff he's spouting is almost treason. Can you imagine what's gonna happen when he goes in the Army with some sergeant from south Georgia who's had about eight buddies killed in Vietnam?"

Even one of Clay's favorite people, his aunt, Mary Turner, a mathematics teacher in Louisville, spoke out. "He's gonna mess himself up so won't nobody go see him," Mrs. Turner said, with typical Clay-family bluntness. "Most folks feel like I do: when their sons get ready to go to the Army, they'll just pack the suitcases and go."

No one who was around Clay during those days when the draft board was getting ready to reclassify him believed that Cassius would "just pack the suitcases and go." Clay himself was the most surprised person in Miami when the draft board moved him into 1-A; right

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up to the moment of the announcement he had steadfastly believed that he and the Black Muslims and Leader Elijah Muhammad held some sort of power over the government. As Clay confided to a friend one morning, "They're trying to call me to the Army. Man, they know I ain't going in no Army! They ain't gonna bother me! There's too many people in the world watching me, see, and all of those black people overseas, they're Muslims, they're not Christians. And America's trying to make peace with 'em, and if they give me. . . ."

His voice trailed off, and then he resumed his soliloquy in mocking, strident tones: "But Uncle Sam is a powerful man, and when Uncle Sam say 'Greeeeeeeetings,' you go! Yeh, man!" His voice turned serious again. "Yeh, Elijah Muhammad's a powerful man. Whatever he say goes. Uncle Sam is in wars, wars everywhere, wars all over the country, everybody's at war today. . . ."

Now he began an explanation of how he was sacrificing millions of dollars by being a Muslim, but how in the long run he could do more for the cause of the Negro by sticking to his adopted religion and letting the cash go. "All this stuff I turned down," he said, "and I'll show you where it make me bigger. Look how big I am. I got a call from Washington, the Pentagon called me. They said, 'We won't draft you. We've got to fake it because of the public. This has never happened before. We've never had to cope with no one like this before. This is a high office calling! That's power. They know I'm not going.'"

He took a short telephone call, then went on: "I got invitations now. Haile Selassie want to see me in Ethiopia. That's a Moslem country. Ben Bella want to see me in Algeria. King Saud want to see me in Saudi Arabia. King Feisal want to see me in Sudan. President Nasser of Egypt want to see me. These are men own their own countries. Powerful men, man! They own the land, they own millions of acres and control millions of people. . . ."

"The white want me hugging on a white woman, or endorsing some whis-

key, or some skin bleach, lightening the skin when I'm promoting black as the best. . . . They want me advertising all this stuff that'd make me rich but hurt so many others. But by me sacrificing a little wealth I'm helping so many others. Little children can come by and meet the champ. Little kids in the alleys and slums of Florida and New York, they can come and see me where they never could walk up on Patterson and Liston. Can't see them niggers when they come to town! So the white man see the power in this. He see that I'm getting away with the Army backing offa me. . . . They see who's not flying the flag, not going in the Army; we get more respect. . . ."

Clay picked up a few back issues of *Muhammad Speaks*, the house organ of the Black Muslim movement, and pointed out several vicious cartoons. One of them showed Uncle Sam whispering to the President: "Hurry! Sign all those niggers into war so they won't be left behind us! . . . Let our own sons stay behind in colleges and universities! . . . No, we know we can't win!" In his hand Uncle Sam holds a paper titled: *BILLS TO GIVE NEGROES DEATH IN THIS WAR*. A young Negro man stands to one side, thinking, "What shall I do or say?" and a tough-looking white man stands behind him saying, "G'wan, nigger, don't ask no questions!"

Another cartoon showed a Ku Klux Klansman starting to hang a Negro. Uncle Sam is grabbing the Klansman and saying, "Hold it, stupid! We don't lynch niggers like that nowadays—we can draft them and get the same results."

"Look at those cartoons," Clay instructed. "Look how bold our leader is. You know I gotta respect and obey a man as bold as that. If the government don't do nothing about it, then I gotta respect him."

A few nights later, after Cassius had been firmly entrenched in 1-A, a group of young men assembled in the living room of Clay's small house in Miami. "We're here to see something big!" Clay advised me as I entered.

"Have a seat!" said Sam Saxon, one of the most enigmatic figures about Clay. "Cap'n Sam" functions as a sergeant at arms in a Miami mosque of the

Muslims, and Cassius himself has referred to Saxon as "my bodyguard" (and at other times complained about newspapermen who used the same word to describe Saxon). Sam was one of Clay's earliest mentors in Black Muslimism and now has been promoted to the post of aide-de-training-camp at a salary of \$150 a week, more than he makes on his regular job as a shoeshiner at racetracks around Miami. Saxon is a powerful Negro with blacksmith's arms, light reddish-brown skin and brownish-amber eyes, a graceful man with an easy step and a shy smile that shows thin gold linings on his teeth. When he gets excited, his voice rises an octave and his words double in tempo, like a caricature Negro in an early film. But most of the time he is quiet and steady, a rock for Cassius to lean on, and although many oldtimers claim that Saxon is one of the foremost white-haters in the Muslim movement, he is capable of an occasional act of fellowship, such as borrowing your car or shaking your hand. "Sometimes I get the feeling that Sam is putting me on, or putting the Muslims on, or putting *somebody* on," says a friend. Perhaps this is because Saxon has at least a slight sense of humor, the rarest personality trait in the confraternity of the Black Muslims.

Sitting at the dining room table that night was Rudolph Arnett Clay, whose father belatedly rechristened him Rudolph Valentino Clay and who has rechristened himself Rahman, Ali. The younger brother of Cassius Clay, Rahman (pronounced *Rockmon*) was writing a letter home to his young wife in Chicago. He was giving the task intense concentration except for occasional glances toward the television set that had been rolled into the stuffy living-dining area for the occasion. Rudolph is a very black, mustached man of 22 years and striking appearance. Another of Elijah Muhammad's true believers, he is also said to be an extreme hater of whites, although he is civil to white devils. It is only after several talks with him that you begin to realize he is giving you the bare minimum of shrift with a friendly smile on his face.

Reggie, a taciturn driver and general

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helper, was also in the assemblage that warm evening in Miami, as were a few anonymous Negroes, the kind who wander off the street and are invited inside by Cassius because he admires their pigmentation. In the kitchen three Muslim "sisters" puttered about in their severe white dresses, disassembling the evening meal. Back in a corner of the living room, out of the way of the men in the true Muslim tradition, sat an attractive Negro girl who conspicuously was not introduced to me. She remained silent throughout the evening. The entertainment before the house was the CBS news, and Senator Wayne Morse was denouncing the U.S. role in Vietnam.

"See that?" said Cassius. "All of them big men, they're saying we shouldn't go."

The group watched silently as Senator Russell Long asked General Maxwell Taylor if the United States was the international good guy or the international bad guy. Then the camera zoomed in on a newsman interviewing a GI at the front while shells exploded in the background. Cassius craned forward and said, "Is that real shooting going on?" He was assured it was. The GI told his interviewer that "if I had anything to say about it, I'd go home and spend a little time and come back again." This brought a titter to the room.

Inmates of the Indiana Girls' School rioted on the TV screen, moving Clay to shout, "It's the end of time," a favorite theme of his that he shares with his real father, Cassius Clay Sr., and his spiritual father, Elijah Muhammad. "We're in the last days! The last days!"

And suddenly a hush came over the room. Cassius Clay, the one and only Muhammad Ali, was on TV spitting out his antidraft speech to Interviewer Bob Halloran. "Yes, sir, that was a great surprise to me. It was not me who said that I was classified 1-Y the last time. . . . It was the government who said that I'm not able. . . . Now in order to be 1-A I do not remember being called nowhere to be reclassified as 1-A. These fellows got together and made the statement that I'm 1-A without knowing if I'm as good as I was the last time or better. Now they had 30 men to pick from in Louisville, and I'm also sure that there

are at least 30 young men that they could have picked from. Instead they picked out the heavyweight champion of the whole world. There's just one in my class. You have a lot of men in baseball they could have called. You have a lot of men in football they coulda called. You have a lotta men that they coulda called that are of school age and have taken the test that are 1-A. Now, I was not 1-A the last time I was tested. All of a sudden they seem to be anxious to push me in the Army. . . . And another thing I don't understand: Why me? A man who pays the salary of at least 50,000 men in Vietnam, a man who the government gets \$6 million from a year from two fights, a man who can pay in two fights for three bumma planes—"

The undignified interview came to an undignified end in mid-sentence, and Cassius was on his feet in the room.

"That was a good one, wasn't it?" he asked nobody and everybody. "Did Lyndon Johnson watch that? Is he watching this news or the other one?"

Saxon said, "He's got 'em both on: one set on one and one on the other. Even if he missed it, he'll get the tape of it."

Cassius let that sink in, found it reasonable and began to muse. "Yes, sir, three bumma planes. . . . That told 'em. . . . That make it clear. . . ."

Billy Graham came on the screen, and a dialogue began between the North Carolina evangelist, inside the tube, and Sam Saxon, sitting on the sofa.

Graham: We know that things cannot go on as they are. History is about to reach an impasse.

Saxon: You tell 'em.

Graham: We are now on a collision course. Something is about to give!

Saxon: That's right!

Graham: Hard major decisions have to be made!

Saxon: Yeh!

Graham: Crisis presses in around us!

Saxon: Teach!

Graham faded and President Johnson came on, telling about a letter he had received from a woman whose son had died in Vietnam. From his first words—"In these troubled times"—the group found the President vastly amusing.

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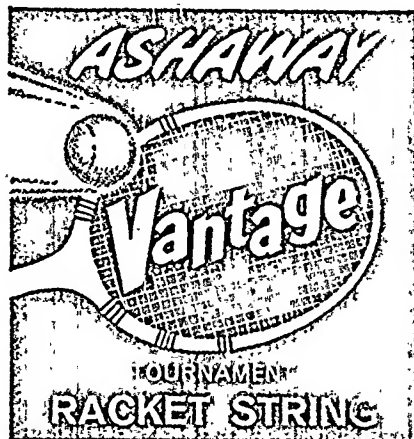
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"Listen to Johnson," Saxon said with a wide grin.

"... I am sustained by much more than my own prayer," the President said.

"Talk to 'em!" Saxon said as someone giggled.

President Johnson read the letter that ended "So we asked God to bless you and your little family."

"Sing it, President!" Saxon said.

When the newscast ended, Clay announced: "Elijah Muhammad been saying 1966 will be the end," as though the program *Newsnight* had confirmed that the final year was at hand. "Years ago he was saying the same thing. Thirty years ago." Clay mumbled aloud about the President for a few seconds, but all I could make out clearly was, "I wonder if he had me on." *Stars in My Crown*, a homey movie about a southern preacher, came to the screen, but it did not suit the champion's taste. "C'mon," he said brusquely to the mystery girl in the corner, "we goin' fo' a walk."

The next morning the champion had an early telephone call from Chicago. He was told that Chicago newspapers were on the street with stories that he would have to go in the Army, and the fight would be canceled. The stories would kill the gate, Cassius was told, and he'd better correct them if he wanted to make any money out of the fight.

Clay sat in his underwear next to the living room phone and began burning up the long-distance wires. "Hello, may I speak to Leo Fischer? Hello, Mr. Fischer? This is Muhammad Ali, the world heavy-weight champion. Ben Bentley was talking to my lawyers about the fight. Something was out up there about the fight was off. . . . Well, it's not. We're gonna appeal. . . . Well, it's in the Islamic belief. We don't bear weapons. We don't fight in wars unless it's a war declared by Allah . . . Allah . . . Allah . . . AL-LAH! That right. Anyone who understands the Holy Qur-an or the Islamic religion, this is nothin' new or nothing . . . I see where the whites themselves are arguing, even in the White House they're on TV arguing every day. They're saying they're gonna get out, and they don't like it. I see whites burning up their draft cards, and they say it's a nasty

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war and we shouldn't be in it. That's what the senators and officials of the government themselves are saying. So our religion teaches me we don't participate in wars to take the lives of other humans. . . . Well, I don't think they could be mad at me about my religion. . . . Yeh, well, if their religion don't teach it, I guess they go. . . ."

After a few such calls he dialed a reporter (perhaps from the *Tribune*) who wanted to debate the subject, and Cassius went to the bedroom phone, shut the door and accepted the challenge. An occasional phrase was audible: "Well, we'll make the appeal, and the fight'll go on. . . . We don't take up no weapons in no war unless it's a war declared by Allah himself. We are taught to defend ourselves if attacked. . . . No, I don't know nothing about no Viet Congs. . . . Well, the whites themselves have been demonstrating against the war. They're mad at the war. . . ."

When the argument finally ended and Cassius stomped back through the living room in his battle raiment of undershirt, undershorts and socks, I said, "Haven't you got enough to do?"

"Don't they keep me going?" he said, and laughed, pleased with his busy morning's work. Later, when his words on the draft were thrown back at him by editorial writers and columnists, he claimed that they had "taken my words as though I'm a politician," and he issued broad hints to the effect that he was just a poor little ignorant fighter and he had been tricked and it was unfair to quote him on Vietnam and the draft and such weighty matters.

"As usual, you know me and my big mouth," he said. "It didn't get me in trouble in the past, but I spoke out on a few things that could be considered politics and I had no business doing it. . . . I feel a lot better after calling, apologizing to the commission and the boxing authorities who I put on a limb and caused 'em national embarrassment. . . . I'm known for talking a lot."

These weaselly alibis were not the real Cassius. They were dreamed up by people close to the money end of the fight, and he was mouthing the words as a personal favor to them. But his explosive

remarks to the press on the phone that morning had represented the most serious side of Cassius Clay, a fanatically religious side that only his closest friends understand. They were not surprised when Clay journeyed to the Illinois Athletic Commission and refused to recant. After all, Clay is a Black Muslim; his god is Allah; his hero is Elijah Poole, now known as Elijah Muhammad. Muhammad, the "Messenger of Allah," served three years in prison during World War II for urging his flock not to go to war, and by his own reckoning, nearly a hundred Black Muslims went to jail for taking his advice. Clay identifies closely with Elijah Muhammad and takes orders from no one else.

"Cassius was searching for a father," said a close relative, "and Elijah Muhammad is it. If Elijah tell him don't go to war, go to jail, he'll go to jail. That man have Cassius by the nose."

Muhammad's book *Message to the Blackman*, is studied by Cassius like a Bible. (Since his reading speed is below average, Clay often has passages read to him. He even enlisted me for the task once.) The dominant theme of Muhammad's book is hatred of the whites. Beneath the fanciful tales about half-mile "wheels" in the sky, "1,500 bombing planes" preparing to wing down to earth and drop steel bombs into the earth on behalf of Allah, hidden in all the wild-eyed prognostication is a simple genocidal declaration of war: "The only way to end war between man and man is to destroy the warmaker. . . . According to the history of the white race (devils), they are guilty of making trouble; causing war among the people and themselves ever since they have been on our planet, Earth. So God . . . has decided to remove them from the face of the Earth. . . . Allah will fight this war for the sake of His people (the black people), and especially, for the American so-called Negroes. . . . We are Allah's choice to give life, and we will be put on top of civilization." America will fall, Elijah predicts, "in 1965 and 1966."

Cassius Clay has a blind and total belief in every word of *Message to the*

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Blackman, and thus he becomes a rare individual: a genuine, if misguided, conscientious objector. As a professional observer and friend of Clay's pointed out: "The government may say his religion is nutty as a fruitcake, but the government can't say it's not *his* religion. Now how the hell are you gonna send a kid like that to fight against people of color, *his* people? How the hell are you gonna send him into battle alongside white Americans that he regards as the real enemy? That kid has a sincere, true, deep hatred of whites that goes all the way back to his childhood and the way his father brought him up. You meet the old man, and you'll know exactly what I'm talking about. He set up an environment that made the Black Muslims or some other hate-white movement perfect for the kid. Some of these Black Muslims are just tough white-haters who find it convenient to belong. It keeps 'em out of the hot sun, and a lot of 'em are making a buck off the religion, but Clay's really and truly hooked. The William Morris Agency told him he'd make a quarter of a million dollars a year in endorsements and advertising. About a week later he announced he was a Black Muslim and the William Morris deal was as dead as a duck. He hasn't made a nickel off it since. Does that sound like somebody who's faking his religion?"

The idea of Cassius Clay's going to jail for draft-dodging would have brought a loud horselaugh not many years ago. "I am going to be a clean and sparkling champion," the young man from Louisville had said, and he was. No smoking. No drinking. No messing around (well, not much messing around). He was hailed as "the new white hope," of boxing by at least one enthusiastic writer. His cheerful pronouncements ("If Cassius say a mosquito can pull a plow, don't argue. Hitch him up!") brought laughs from people who had had no previous interest in boxing, and attendance climbed. Boxing had hit bottom in 1950, with total receipts down to less than \$4 million. With Cassius carrying on, the sport took in \$7.8 million in 1963, \$18.1 million in 1964, another \$8.9 million in 1965.

His antics benefited every division, and if he was a little wide in the mouth,

who cared? It was all in a spirit of good humor; the public knew the kid was just building gates, and wasn't he good to his mother and father? His Buddha-shaped mother, Odessa Grady Clay, the very prototype of the sweet, kindly southern Negro mammy, raved about him to the press: "He used to say, 'When I become champ I'm gonna buy you this and buy you that.' And he'd sit and talk for hours at a time when he was 12 years old. He was gonna get me a house and furniture and a car and travel. *And he have done all those things.*"

Even allowing for the ex post facto mythmaking that grows up around champions, Clay seems to have called the shot on an impressive number of achievements, including his Golden Gloves championship, his Olympic gold medal and his heavyweight championship of the world. His knockout predictions ("Powell must fall in three") were usually about stiff, but it is not easy to flatten even a stiff in an appointed round, and the forecasts added zest to his appearances.

But as he got bigger and bigger, Clay began losing his sense of proportion. He seemed to skate right to the edge of mania in his prefight scenes. He lost track of the difference between buffoonery and nastiness, and the public began to sour on him. People close to him tried to make explanations and apologies. "I'll never understand the resentment of his popping off," said Angelo Dundee, the best trainer in the fight business. "I remember when I was younger, hearing the people talk about, 'Gee, Joe Louis is a great fighter, but he can't talk,' and today, you have a fellow who talks and fights, and there's resentment. There's no figuring the public. The public is a tough customer to be satisfied."

So were the writers, especially after Clay began openly espousing the principles of Elijah Muhammad. "Clay is likely to hurt the sport badly by his ideologization of it," William F. Buckley wrote. "One can only hope that, to put it ineptly, someone will succeed in knocking some sense into Clay's head before he is done damaging the sport and the country, which, however much he now disdains it, *ga Muhammad Ali-424*

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George Sullivan wrote: "There was fun and amiability in Cassius Clay when he began his rise to national prominence. He was a popular good-looking youngster—precisely what the stricken fight industry needed. Clay was regarded as the potential savior of the sport, but some people feel he has been more of a hangman."

When Sonny Liston remained affixed to his stool at the beginning of the seventh round in Miami Beach two years ago, Cassius Clay automatically became the best-known sports figure in the world. Europeans may never have heard of America's Koufax, and North Americans may know little about Brazil's Pelé, and neither Americans nor Europeans know about Red China's Chuang Tse-tung, but who doesn't know who the heavyweight champion is?

Clay mounted his pedestal and used all his power and glamour to become the most hated figure in sport. Long before his unfortunate remarks about "them Viet Congs," domestic and foreign reporters alike (whose accuracy and sophistication were erratic) were lambasting him—for his lack of sportsmanship, for his tasteless braggadocio, for his cruelty and his contempt of others. The "clean and sparkling champion" was now being portrayed as a clean and sparkling bum, and more than a few people were taking nervous second glances at a remark made by Clay to Louisville Sportswriter Dean Eagle. Full of himself and his glory, Cassius had said, "I am the champion who will end all boxing."

Like most matters concerning Clay, the quote was paradoxical. His life is a symphony of paradoxes, and the biggest of all is that hundreds of thousands of words have been written about him, and yet his essential character, his attitudes, the fears and forces that drive him, remain unknown. The major public relations victory of Cassius Clay's career may lie in what he has kept hidden.

NEXT WEEK

In Louisville, Author Olsen discovers the proud, talented Clays and a father whose dislike of whites equals his son's

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The information set forth below is being furnished the Bureau and interested Offices for information purposes. It relates the "behind the scene" data concerning involvements of CASSIUS CLAY insofar as the Nation of Islam (NOI) is concerned and reactions of NOI officials of CLAY's current alimony problems in Miami courts. The information is not being included in a LHM for dissemination. It is noted the news media has given much publicity to CLAY's alimony involvements, and it is felt the above should not, at this time, be disseminated outside the Bureau.

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The information set forth below was made available on the dates indicated by [] who has furnished reliable information in the past:

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Attorney [] of New York City who has represented ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and the NOI in the past) was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD from Florida. [] stated the [] was with him. He added the Florida lawyers are there and are raising a big stink as they have not gotten their money. He stated about \$250,000 (probably of [] [] was tied up from [] continued they needed the [] signature on the tax return but, he added, the lawyers won't let [] sign the return until they get their fee. [] commented that HERBERT (HERBERT MUHAMMAD, one of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's sons) had told the [] to tell him to call ELIJAH about this.

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HERBERT MUHAMMAD was in contact with a [] (probably [] who is believed to be associated with the [] in [] and who is also believed to be some kind of a [] told HERBERT the "cypress deal" (probably stocks) was due to break on Thursday. HERBERT replied he is broke as he has to scrape up all the money he can for [] who is in bad shape and who needs at least [] by [] HERBERT indicated [] was coming to Chicago during the evening but was going back to Miami in the early morning of [] HERBERT stated [] needed the money for [] HERBERT commented he thought he could raise the money, but added he would be broke. [] asked HERBERT why he didn't put the "certificates" up for face value.

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Attorney [] was in long distance contact with HERBERT MUHAMMAD, stating he was in the lawyers' office with

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[redacted] (phonetic) and [redacted] (phonetic) and one of the lawyers for [redacted] stated the other lawyer was waiting in court. [redacted] continued the one in court was supposed to tell the court they had worked out an agreement, but the judge had received a note to the effect the parties were not there and the press was there so he made an order [redacted] continued [redacted] had just spoken to the judge but it will now probably appear in the papers [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] continued: the judge said he would vacate the order if the parties reached a settlement on the money actually being paid today and he would set aside the order. It means this \$10,000 check cannot be certified up there today but if it could be wired or if the bank there could be alerted to hold the funds against the request of a local bank here, that means it would have to be taken to a bank here, but we want to get this thing done the quickest way possible to get that order vacated so it would beat the press in reporting the story.

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HERBERT replied he would have to talk to RAYMOND (probably RAYMOND SHARRIEFF) and tell them about this so [redacted] would have to call back in a half hour. [redacted] replied a half hour was a long time. HERBERT commented he could not help it adding it was as soon as he could do it and he was not a miracle man.

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Attorney [redacted] was in contact with HERBERT MUHAMMAD from Miami and told him a new development had come up which would probably save a lot of time and get things cleared there quickly. [redacted] stated it means that if the deposit to the maker of the check calls and asked their bank to credit, in other words, if your bank there--. At this point HERBERT interrupted to say he does not have the okay for anything like that. [redacted] complained

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he was losing time. HERBERT told [] to talk to [] b7E
[] and who [] HERBERT stated the []
has got that kind of money [] and []
[] JACKO replied no, he would
only get "three, thirty seven fifty" out of that bunch. HERBERT
again interrupted stating they []
[] should be willing to give the
money themselves. He stated that [] should have had him
in court like they were supposed to so he would not be in
contempt. He stated the judge told them the last time if he
was not in court, he would go to jail. HERBERT continued []
had told him in New York if he didn't get him down there, he
would go to jail so he (HERBERT) got him down there. HERBERT
stated that now [] should get hold of []
[] JACKO
replied this was clear. HERBERT replied this is all he has
to say about it now so he can go ahead and contact []
[] or himself but he, HERBERT, has nothing to say about
it.

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[] was in contact with HERBERT MUHAMMAD and b7E
HERBERT stated he was feeling bad and had the same trouble.
[] asked if HERBERT had raised the money and HERBERT replied
he had not. HERBERT stated [] will not come
through adding the only way they would pay was to have []
[] HERBERT continued he, []
already owes them, probably the [] He.
continues he needs about \$14,000 to keep from going to jail.
adding which would be 30 days but at the end of that time he
would still owe the money. HERBERT stated the check "we" gave
[] has to be certified as they will not accept an ordinary
check. [] stated they should have HASSAN (probably JOHN
HASSAN, trustee of Muhammad's Temple No. 2) make out a new
check and take it to the bank and have it certified.

[], who has furnished reliable information in b7D
the past, advised on 4/6/66, ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, on [] 66, dictated

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an article for an issue of "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper tentatively titled [redacted] advised MUHAMMAD in this article [redacted]

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[redacted] The source added he did not know [redacted]

[redacted] continued HERBERT MUHAMMAD and [redacted] were in New York City over the weekend of 3/31/66 and during that time had a heated argument over women. HERBERT allegedly told [redacted] that ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had ordered [redacted] to marry one of the Muslim women, and [redacted] objected strenuously. [redacted] allegedly told HERBERT he should live up to the Muslim life himself before telling others what to do.

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[redacted] continued CLAY's current [redacted] with [redacted] are the direct result of instructions from HERBERT MUHAMMAD, who told him not [redacted] Source continued HERBERT felt they could get away by [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that in the past, [redacted] has given HERBERT MUHAMMAD large sums of money, in one instance \$25,000. It is known HERBERT gave this money to [redacted] the purpose being unknown.

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/6/66, that HERBERT MUHAMMAD took a heavy financial loss in [redacted] Source noted, however, that HERBERT continues to be in excellent standing with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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Chicago closely follows this matter and bears in mind the possibility that the adverse publicity created by [redacted] could embarrass ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and the NOI and also that if [redacted] money becomes limited, it could drastically reduce any substantial donations made by him to the NOI thereby decreasing both [redacted] and [redacted] to the NOI, possibly causing MUHAMMAD to "dump" [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436351)

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (105-5262) (RUC)

DATE: 4/19/66

SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka
SM - NOI

OO: Louisville

Re Miami airtels to Bureau, 4/4/66 and 4/6/66.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau five copies of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, one copy is enclosed for Chicago for information and two copies are enclosed for Louisville.

Enclosed letterhead memorandum is a summary of information which appeared in local Miami, Florida, newspapers concerning the court action in Miami regarding CLAY's failure to pay alimony and attorney fees in connection with his January, 1966, divorce.

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Re: MRS
CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.,
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Cassius Clay, also known as Muhammad Ali, world
heavyweight boxing champion, is a self-admitted member of
the Nation of Islam (NOI).

A characterization of the Nation
of Islam is contained in the appendix
section attached hereto.

It is noted that Cassius Clay was granted a divorce
from his wife, Sonji Clay, at Miami, Florida, on January 7,
1966.

The April 2, 1966 edition of the "Miami Herald",
a Miami, Florida, daily newspaper, contained an article by
C. G. Berning, a staff writer, which reflects that Clay was
to appear at the Dade County Circuit Court on April 1, 1966,
in connection with his failure to make alimony payments to
his former wife, Sonji, and also for failing to make pay-
ments to Sonji's attorneys as ordered in the divorce decree.

Neither Clay nor Sonji were present at this
hearing. Sonji's attorney claimed that Clay had failed to
make any alimony payments to Sonji. He produced a \$1,250
"insufficient funds" check drawn on the account of "Mohammed
Ali Enterprises, Inc."

This hearing was before Dade County Circuit Judge
Harold Spaet who ordered that Clay must make the necessary
payments or appear before him the following Tuesday, April 5,
1966. Judge Spaet indicated, according to this article, that
Clay was "close to a jail sentence."

The April 5, 1966 edition of the "Miami News", a
Miami, Florida, daily newspaper, contained an article by
reporter Mort Lucoff which reports that Clay was held in
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Re: Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr.

Clay failed to appear in that court. This article showed, however, that Clay could purge himself of the contempt charge by coming up with a total of \$25,000 due for two monthly alimony payments of \$1,250 each and \$22,500 in attorney fees.

According to this article, Clay also failed to appear before the court on this day. The judge was quoted as saying, "I intend to give him a thirty-day sentence." Sonji's attorneys told the court that they had been offered two checks, one for \$2,500 alimony and another for \$10,000 "on account" for attorneys' fees. These checks, they said, were drawn on "Muslim Temple Number 2" and endorsed in that fashion by Clay. These attorneys said they were "timorous" about accepting these checks because a similar check for the first alimony payment had "bounced" because of insufficient funds.

An article which appeared in the April 6, 1966, edition of the "Miami Herald" by G. G. Berning and Robert Hardin, Herald staff writers, shows that Clay's lawyers, "survived a stunning blow which almost put their client in jail Tuesday." According to this article, an agreement was reached giving Clay 48 hours to come up with \$26,250 thus saving Clay from arrest at that time. This article states that sheriff's deputies were out looking for Clay to arrest him on a contempt of court order issued by Judge Spaet.

The April 8, 1966 edition of the "Miami Herald" contained an article by the above named Herald staff writers which shows that Sonji Clay collected \$27,500 in checks from her ex-husband, Cassius Clay, on Thursday, April 7, 1966. This article shows that Clay was not present at court on that day. It showed that Clay did save about \$78,000 in income taxes when Judge Spaet ordered Sonji to sign a joint income tax return.

There was an indication that Clay would have to post bond guaranteeing future alimony payments to his wife.

Re: Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr.

Sonji was quoted in this article as saying "I'm just not gonna get married again, never for ten years. I'm not gonna let him slide out of his alimony."

Clay was represented through these hearings by Attorney Milton Grusmark of Miami Beach; his wife's attorneys were Harvey St. Jean and Lawrence Huffman, among others.

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According to an April 7, 1966, article in the "Miami News" by reporter Frank Muray, Clay's payment on April 7, 1966, in the amount of \$26,250 included alimony for two months since the divorce at \$1,250 a month, legal fees of \$22,500 for the divorce case and another \$1,000 in legal fees for Tuesday's proceedings and \$250 for Sonji's expenses in coming to Miami.

This article states that in the agreement made Tuesday, April 5, 1966, Clay was to surrender himself voluntarily at the Dade County Jail at 5:00 PM on April 7, 1966, if the above amount was unpaid.

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[redacted] further advised that no information has come
to his attention indicating plans by [redacted] to [redacted]
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RE: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.
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CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, heavyweight boxing
champion, is self-admitted member of the Nation of Islam.

A documentation of the Nation of Islam is
contained in the appendix:

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A source who has daily contact among [redacted]
[redacted] in [redacted]
advised on [redacted] 1966 that arrangements were being made on
that day through a travel agent for [redacted] trip to [redacted]

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[redacted] will be accompanied on that trip by [redacted] and
[redacted] This group is scheduled to depart
[redacted] on [redacted] for [redacted] They are
to depart [redacted] via [redacted] at about
[redacted] on [redacted] 1966, and to arrive in [redacted] sometime
after [redacted] Tickets being purchased are
on a 14 day excursion basis, with the return flight from
[redacted] to the [redacted] being either on [redacted], 1966. (C)

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While in [redacted] this group will stay at [redacted]

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This source advised that a [redacted]
[redacted] named [redacted] who has been in [redacted] with
[redacted] is preparing an article on [redacted]
[redacted] recently departed Miami but will join [redacted] and his
group in [redacted] sometime after [redacted] has requested
that [redacted] visit [redacted] in [redacted]
prior to his departure for [redacted] probably on [redacted] 1966

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RE: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.

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According to this source, [] probably will be met in [] on [] by HERBERT MUHAMMAD, son of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, leader of the Nation of Islam. HERBERT MUHAMMAD probably will accompany [] and his group to [] and will remain with them in [] (X)

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According to this source, the only other detailed news coverage of [] will be prepared by [] for a [] Sunday newspaper who is expected to arrive in [] on [] 1966. (X)

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This source said that the []

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-436351)

FROM : *Jm* Legat, London (100-3543) (P)

DATE: 7/27/66

SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka
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TITLE OF CASE CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka. SSN 15-47-42-127		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	b6 b7C
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		CHARACTER OF CASE SSA, 1948-CO	

REFERENCES:

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It is to be noted that [REDACTED], whose interview appears herein, is [REDACTED] of Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 27, and is [REDACTED] Bureau file 105-73207 and Los Angeles file 105-4475.

Los Angeles currently maintains a file on the registrant under the character of SM-NOI, with Louisville as Office of Origin under Bureau file 100-436351, Louisville file 100-4558, Los Angeles file 100-65028. An additional copy of this report is being furnished to the Bureau and Louisville in the event they desire to place a copy of this report in that file.

Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☒ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Field Office File #: 25-72507

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Title: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.
SSN 15-47-42-127

Character: SELECTIVE SERVICE ACT OF 1948-CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

Synopsis:

[redacted] friend of the registrant and [redacted]
[redacted] of Muhammad's Temple of Islam.
No. 27, Los Angeles, California, confirm that CLAY is
dedicated member of the Muslim religion and a follower
of the teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD. CLAY considered
of good character and reputation, and to be sincere in
claim of conscientious objection. Registrant has resided
in Los Angeles at various hotels for short periods of time
since 1962. Credit and Identification checks negative.

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[redacted] advised that he is [redacted] and [redacted] since about [redacted] of [redacted]. He related the following information:

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During about March of 1962 and while he was employed as [redacted] the restaurant came to [redacted] for the purpose of a [redacted] [redacted] was assigned by [redacted] to [redacted] and as a result of this assignment, met [redacted] for the first time. Later in the day he saw [redacted] again and as a result of his association with him then and in the days leading up to [redacted] and [redacted] became friends. Then in about [redacted] of [redacted] returned to [redacted] for [redacted] on [redacted] [redacted] again associated with [redacted] for the several weeks he was in [redacted] for the [redacted] as well as when [redacted] came back again to [redacted] in [redacted] or [redacted] with [redacted] on [redacted]. Their friendship grew during this time and they gradually became very close acquaintances.

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About the second week in [redacted] [redacted] called [redacted] long distance from [redacted] and asked him if he would like to accompany him for awhile. [redacted] accepted and [redacted] sent him an airline ticket which he used to fly to [redacted]. Shortly afterwards, they left [redacted] and traveled to [redacted] where they visited with [redacted] for several days, before proceeding on to [redacted] where [redacted] remained with [redacted] until about [redacted] when he returned to [redacted].

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[redacted] next joined [redacted] again in about [redacted] [redacted] thereafter remained with [redacted] off and on until [redacted] when he left [redacted] in [redacted] and returned to [redacted]. [redacted] last heard from [redacted] the day he [redacted] when [redacted] attempted to return [redacted] call to him but was able only to reach [redacted] answering service.

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[redacted] was associated with CLAY as [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] received [redacted] for [redacted]
[redacted] The majority of their
association together was spent on the road traveling in the
United States and in the East coast cities.

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At the time [redacted] first met [redacted] acknowledged
to him that he was a follower of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and a member
of the Nation of Islam which is commonly referred to as the
Muslim religion. [redacted] did not make this fact publicly known
until after [redacted] b6
Notwithstanding this, [redacted] always attended Muslim meetings b7C
whenever he could. [redacted] has always been known to [redacted] as a b7D
"dedicated Muslim who talked Muslim day in and day out,"
and a person who "really believes in it". Money does not mean
as much to [redacted] as his religion and he therefore does not
have any [redacted]

[redacted] associated with the Muslims, [redacted] has said that he does not
believe in war or fighting, aside from [redacted] and is
opposed to service in the armed forces. He will not serve in the
military service.

[redacted] said that he is not nor has he ever been a b6
member of the Muslims, although he has attended numerous b7C
Muslim meetings with [redacted] and been approached by [redacted] and b7D
other members to join. This is one of the primary reasons
[redacted] left [redacted] in [redacted] as he does not agree with
the majority of their beliefs and just got tired of hearing
"Muslim all of the time". However, they still remain close friends.
He also acknowledged that he felt that if he were a member, it
would severely hamper him in the pursuit of his profession as
[redacted]

[redacted] specifically mentioned that in [redacted] b6
[redacted] flew to [redacted] for [redacted] b7C
[redacted] While in [redacted] b7D
[redacted] attended a Muslim meeting and also [redacted]
[redacted] He subsequently [redacted]
[redacted] to Los Angeles in [redacted] to attend a
Muslim meeting for which ELIJAH MUHAMMAD had flown down from
Chicago to make a personal appearance.

[redacted] had occasion to meet [redacted] on the same b6
day in [redacted] that [redacted] and whom b7C
[redacted] b7D

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[redacted] later [redacted] and [redacted] To [redacted]
knowledge, [redacted] was never a Muslim either prior to or after
[redacted]
[redacted]

During [redacted] trips to [redacted] and through the
one in [redacted] he always stayed at the Alexandria
Hotel. In [redacted] he stayed at the Statler Hilton Hotel
and in [redacted] he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel when he
[redacted]

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[redacted] said that he knew of nothing that would
reflect upon the character or reputation of [redacted] and in his
opinion, [redacted] was sincere in his claim of conscientious objection
to military service based upon his Muslim religion.

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[redacted] had no objection to furnishing this information
should it be necessary in the future.

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] b6
 [redacted] Pacoima, California, was interviewed at the [redacted] b7C
 [redacted] where he advised he is the [redacted] b7D
 [redacted] of the Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 27, Los Angeles.
 He has known the registrant, [redacted]
 since [redacted] when [redacted] came to Los Angeles for [redacted]
 [redacted] At that time, [redacted] was a member of
 the Muslim religion, and has been an active member since.

[redacted] has had numerous conversations with [redacted] since b6
 their meeting and has counseled him in the Muslim religion. From b7C
 these conversations, [redacted] has found that [redacted] is a dedicated b7D
 member who practices the teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD and as
 such, is completely sincere in his claim of conscientious
 objection to military service.

[redacted] added that MUHAMMAD teaches that war, killing b6
 and violence are wrong and in direct contradiction to these b7C
 teachings, even to the extent of the use of part of these b7D
 elements in sports. "The black people are not a free people"
 and therefore their efforts should be put exclusively to the
 task of obtaining their complete freedom. In this respect, and
 although MUHAMMAD does not agree with [redacted]
 [redacted] as long as [redacted] does not violate the basic
 concepts of the religion, MUHAMMAD will not interfere in [redacted] b6
 personal pursuits. b7C

During his numerous trips to [redacted] usually b6
 stays at various hotels in the [redacted] area. In [redacted] b7C
 [redacted] came to [redacted] to attend a Muslim meeting held b7D
 at the Olympic Auditorium, where he resided in the Statler
 Hilton Hotel. The last time he came to [redacted] was in [redacted]
 [redacted] when he stayed at the Ambassador Hotel. When in Los
 [redacted] always contacted [redacted] and where possible, b6
 attended meetings at the temple here. b7C
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[redacted] said that there has never been any question
 concerning the character or reputation of the registrant.

[redacted] added that he met the registrant's [redacted] b6
 [redacted] on one occasion. To his knowledge [redacted] never joined the b7C
 [redacted] b7D

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Muslim religion, although it was his understanding that [redacted] did attend a number of meetings and had considered possibly becoming a member.

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The only other person in Los Angeles who would be in a position to furnish information regarding [redacted] claim of conscientious objection would be [redacted] who [redacted] said is not a Muslim.

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GEORGE PARNASSUS, with offices located in the Alexandria Hotel, 210 West 5th Street, advised he is a match maker and promoter of boxing matches. He was first introduced to the registrant, CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR. in 1958 and as a result, served as the match maker and promoter for CLAY's last two fights in Los Angeles, which was with ALEJANDRO LAVORANTE on July 20, 1962 and with ARCHIE MOORE on November 15, 1962.

PARNASSUS said that he knew of nothing that would reflect upon the character or reputation of CLAY. However, the subject had never come up in their conversation and he was therefore unable to make any comment on the registrant's claim of conscientious objection to military service.

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[redacted] Alexandria Hotel, 210 West 5th Street, advised that he recalled the registrant, CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR. being a former guest at the hotel, and although he did not now have immediately available the exact dates of his stay, he was a guest for his boxing matches in Los Angeles with GEORGE LOGAN on April 23, 1962; with ALEJANDRO LAVORANTE on July 20, 1962; and with ARCHIE MOORE on November 15, 1962. During these periods, CLAY was a guest at the hotel for several weeks, each time while in training for and prior to the match. Also, CLAY returned to Los Angeles in about December of 1963 to appear as a guest on the JERRY LEWIS TV Show and was in town about a week, during which time he again was a guest at the Alexandria Hotel.

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[redacted] said that no question ever arose concerning the character or reputation of the registrant during these periods of time that he was in Los Angeles. [redacted] had no knowledge of the claim of the registrant regarding conscientious objection to military service.

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[redacted] was unable to suggest the names of anyone at the hotel who would have known CLAY long enough as a guest to have knowledge of his claim of conscientious objection.

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[redacted] Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, advised that according to their hotel register card, the registrant, CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR. was a guest at the hotel from June 23, 1965 to June 27, 1965. He registered as MUHAMMAD ALI furnishing the address of 634 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that during the time the registrant was at the hotel, nothing ever came up that would reflect upon his character or reputation. [redacted] had no knowledge of the registrant's claim of conscientious objection to military service and was therefore unable to make any comment in this regard. He knew of no one at the hotel who would be able to furnish any information on this matter. b6 b7C

[redacted] was unable to suggest the names of anyone at the hotel who would have known CLAY long enough as a guest to have any knowledge of his claim of conscientious objection. b6 b7C

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[redacted] Ambassador Hotel, 3400 West Wilshire Boulevard, advised that he would be able to only confirm that the registrant, CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., was a guest at the hotel in the early summer of 1965. To his knowledge, nothing occurred to reflect on his character or reputation and he had no knowledge of the registrant's claim of conscientious objection to military service.

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[redacted] Statler
Hilton Hotel, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, advised that during the period of August 8-9, 1964, there were a large number of members of the Muslim religion who were guests at the hotel while attending the Muslim meeting held at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. A search of her registration cards failed to locate a registration for the registrant, CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR. She stated that although no card could be located in his name, he could have stayed at the hotel during this period as it is not uncommon for more than one person to stay in a room.

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[redacted] Statler Hilton Hotel, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, advised that on one occasion, the date of which he could not now recall, he did see the registrant, CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR. in one of the hotel rooms, although he could not now state whether or not he was a guest at the hotel. He was able to state that to his knowledge, no question ever arose at the hotel concerning the character or reputation of CLAY. [redacted] had no knowledge of his claim of conscientious objection.

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[redacted] Retail Merchants
Credit Association advised that she could locate no record
in her files identifiable with the registrant, CASSIUS
MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.

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Police Department advised that she could locate no record in her files identifiable with the registrant, CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR. Los Angeles

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[redacted] Los Angeles
County Sheriff's Office advised that she could locate no
record in her files identifiable with the registrant,
CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (25-531350)

DATE:

FROM : SAC, Miami (25-29139) (P)

SUBJECT: **GABRIEL MARCELLO CLAY, Jr., aka.**
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The source referred to in this LHM is ☐
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form as it appears information contained therein
might have some bearing on ☐

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This is the first information re-
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at a NOI meeting. There appears a possibility that in
connection with his difficulties with ☐

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Miami, Florida

CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, also known as
Muhammad Ali
Selective Service Matters

CASSIUS CLAY, heavyweight boxing champion, is
a self-admitted member of the National of Islam (NOI).

A characterization of the Nation of Islam (NOI)
and Muhammad's Mosque #29 (MM #29) is con-
tained in the appendix section of this memo.

A source who attends meetings of MM #29, ad-
vised on April 27, 1966 that CASSIUS CLAY spoke to
about 30 persons attending the April 24, 1966 meeting of
MM #29. CLAY told those in attendance that the "White
man" was trying to take his title away from him but that
he and his associates were too smart for him." He also
said that people were now staying away from the white
man because the white man lies and makes promises that
he does not keep. This source also said that CLAY told
his listeners that the Muslims did not want to fight
any one, white or black.

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM
MUHAMMAD'S MOSQUE #29
MIAMI, FLORIDA

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Two sources in Miami have advised that Mosque #29 of the Nation of Islam was established in Miami in October, 1958.

These sources advised that as of May 24, 1965, the Mosque was located at 4507 Northwest 17th Avenue, Miami. The Miami group is an affiliate of the National Nation of Islam and has about one hundred members.

According to these sources, this group adheres to the teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Miami, Florida

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Title CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, also known
as Muhammad Ali

Character SELECTIVE SERVICE MATTERS

Reference memorandum dated and captioned
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Re Chicago teletype to Director and SAC,
Louisville, 5/10/66.

"Muhammad Speaks" Vol. 5, No. 34, dated 5/13/66,
on page 9 carried an article titled "News From the Camp
of the Champ." This article reflected MUHAMMAD ALI
(CASSIUS CLAY) stated there was a strong possibility
he might leave England to tour some of the Eastern
countries possibly Egypt, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey
and old Jerusalem.

As CLAY is already in England and as his
draft board in Louisville has already been advised of
similar information, Chicago is channelizing the referred
to issue by usual channels. Four copies have already
been forwarded to Central Research. A separate letter
transmitting this issue to various field offices, including
Louisville, is in dictation.

- ④ - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Louisville (100-4558) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
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To: SACs Chicago (100-35535)
Las Vegas (103-16)
Louisville (100-45518)
Miami (103-544)

From: Director, FBI (25-370371)

NATION OF ISLAM (NOI)
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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ReCCairtel 5/10/66 instructing Las Vegas and Miami to conduct investigation to determine the identity of three females, possibly of Pakistani nationality, who were guests of Cassius Clay in Las Vegas at the time of his fight with Floyd Patterson.

Clay is not the subject of a pending security investigation. Therefore, the Bureau does not desire Las Vegas or Miami to conduct the investigation requested of those offices in referenced airtel. If such investigation should come to Clay's attention, he might take action which could prove embarrassing to the Bureau.

One of the women mentioned above reportedly is affiliated with the United Nations and has been in contact with NOI leader Elijah Muhammad. She is believed to have been trying to arrange for Clay to visit Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. There is no information available indicating this woman is involved in any activity which would pose a threat to the internal security of this country. While the Bureau realizes from an intelligence standpoint it would be desirable to know the identity of this woman, no active investigation of Clay should be undertaken to identify her. It is noted that [redacted] is in a position to possibly identify this woman.

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Re: NOI
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The Bureau does not desire any investigation be conducted concerning Clay's acquaintances or personal life. Should information be developed indicating Clay is participating in activity clearly inimical to the internal security of this country and which would warrant investigation of his personal activities, the Bureau should be so advised and appropriate recommendations made concerning any investigation felt desirable.

NOTE:

In view of Clay's position as world heavy weight boxing champion and his close relationship with the NOI, we are interested in his activities from an intelligence standpoint. He holds no policy-making position in the NOI. His chief value to the NOI is the publicity he brings this organization and the funds he contributes to it. It is not felt we should conduct any investigation concerning his personal activities which could result in Clay possibly charging the Bureau with harassment. Should information be received indicating Clay is definite security threat, we would, of course, then institute active investigation of all his activities.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM to the Bureau,
carbon copies to Louisville, Miami, and New York,
dated 4/5/66; Chicago airtel, LHM, and blind memorandum
to the Bureau; carbon copies to Louisville, Miami,
and New York dated 4/27/66.

Referenced communications set forth information b7D
regarding a possible tour of [redacted]
including [redacted] and the [redacted] by
[redacted] and a proposed visit by HERBERT MUHAMMAD to
Cairo, Egypt.

On 5/8/66, [redacted] who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised he had learned
[redacted] had given him
approval to go to [redacted] to [redacted]
[redacted] on the provision that he returns to the
[redacted] in three weeks. Information indicates [redacted]
plans to return to [redacted]

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The source continued that as far as he
can determine at this time, HERBERT MUHAMMAD is planning
to travel on to Cairo, Egypt.

The above is for the information of the
Bureau and other interested offices.

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(1 - 100-436351) (CASIUS CLAY) (RM)
1-Louisville (100-4558) (Info) (RM)
1-Miami (105-544) (Info) (RM)
4-Chicago
(1 - [redacted])
(1 - 100-40911) (CASIUS CLAY)
(1 - 100-31166) (HERBERT MUHAMMAD)

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Memorandum

TO: Wm. TAUBEL - mvp

DATE:

5-9-66

FROM: J. SHORT - mvp

SUBJECT:

CASSIUS CLAY

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-300371)
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI

Re Chicago airtel, LHM, and blind memorandum to
the Director, ccs Louisville, Miami, and New York 4/27/66.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Louisville, Miami
and New York are 0, 1, 1, and 1 copies of a letterhead memo-
randum relating to a possible visit by [] to []
and []

The source utilized in the LHM is []

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
 - 1 - 100-436351 (CASSIUS CLAY)
- 1 - Louisville (100-4553) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Miami (105-544) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (105-7309) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
 - 1 - 100-40911 (CASSIUS CLAY)

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NATION OF ISLAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

The Nation of Islam is characterized in later pages.

"Muhammad Speaks", Volume 5, Number 33, dated May 6, 1966 on page 7 featured an article entitled "Telstar to Beam Champ Via ABC" datelined Miami. The article reflected:

"The 15 round title fight between World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Muhammad Ali and the British Empire Champion, Henry Cooper, will be televised in America via Telstar May 21 by the American Broadcasting Company...

Meanwhile, offers continue to pour in from around the world, attesting to the fact that Muhammad Ali, a follower of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, is the most widely known and sought after athlete in the history of sports, a fact the champion rightfully credits to the Messenger of Allah.

The heavyweight champion is seriously considering offers of tours for bouts in Sweden, Germany and other nations upon completion of his title defense against the British champion and the possibility of accepting an invitation to visit Pakistan and the United Arab Republic..."

A confidential informant advised in [redacted]

[redacted] is a member of the Nation of Islam under the name [redacted] which name was given him by Elijah Muhammad, the national leader of the Nation of Islam.

"Muhammad Speaks" newspaper is self-described in its various issues as published on a weekly basis by Muhammad's Mosque No. 2 at 634 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Chicago, Illinois
May 5, 1966

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NATION OF ISLAM

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REFERENCE

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Date: 8-16-66

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Via A I R T E L _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436351)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-40911)

SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies
of a letterhead memorandum concerning the appearance of
CASSIUS CLAY on "Kup's Show" on Channel 7, WBKB-TV on
8/14/66.

The Agent who monitored this TV show was SA [redacted]

Extra copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum
are being furnished the Bureau and Louisville for possible
additional information regarding CASSIUS CLAY and his
Selective Service Act - Conscientious Objector case which
is now pending in Louisville.

[redacted] is the source used in characterizing
CASSIUS CLAY as a member of the NOI.

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- 3 - Louisville (100-4558) (Enc. 3) (RM)
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- 4 - Chicago
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Chicago, Illinois
August 16, 1966

CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - NATION OF ISLAM

On August 10, 1966, a source advised that Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr., known in the Nation of Islam (NOI) as Muhammad Ali, was a member of the NOI and as of August, 1966, was referred to by officials of that organization as a Minister in the NOI. He is also Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the world.

The NOI is described in the appendix page of this communication.

The August 13, 1966, issue of the "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago, Illinois, daily, except Sunday, newspaper, page 19, contained an announcement advertising "Kup Presents TV's Top Talk Show at Midnight." Listed as guests on the show were the following:

United States Senator *W.B.K.B. TV*
Paul Douglas *Chicago, Ill.*

Doctor Gale Johnson
University of California
Social Science and Economics
Department:

Gary Merrill
Actor

Muhammad Ali
Heavyweight Champion of the world

Noel Behn
Author

**Kups Column*
*by Irving *Kupcinet*

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CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.

Roderick Thorpe
Author

Rabbi Jacob Weinstein
Spiritual Leader and
Outspoken Advocate of Peace
in Viet Nam

William Rentschler
Leader in the Illinois
Republican Party

George Shearing
blind pianist

On August 14, 1966, from 12:00 midnight to 3:00 a.m. a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation monitored this discussion over WBKB-TV, Channel 7, Chicago. The show was moderated by Irving Kupcinet, well known Chicago television moderator and newspaper columnist.

The show consisted entirely of a panel discussion of current political topics, literary subjects and miscellaneous matters pertaining to current events. Cassius Clay in his remarks spoke primarily about his being Heavyweight Boxing Champion of the world, past fights in which he participated, other possible future fights, and general discussion of the boxing world. He stated, however, in response to a question by the moderator that he was not only a follower of Elijah Muhammad and the NOI but that he had been designated quite some time ago by Muhammad as a "travelling Minister" in the NOI and had performed this duty by speaking to various groups of Negro people both young and old. He also stated that when he retired from the ring he would become a full time Minister in the NOI.

The August 15, 1966, Four Star Final edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times," a Chicago, Illinois, daily newspaper, page 54, carried, as usual "Kup's Column" written by Irving Kupcinet. Included among the remarks in that column were the following:

CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR.

"Heavyweight Champ Muhammad (Cassius Clay) Ali revealed it on our TV show. He's now a full-fledged Minister of the Black Muslims, 'ordained' by Elijah Muhammad. The Champ's main role is to teach self respect to Negro youths and, coincidentally, convert them to the Muslim Faith. This means belief in 'separation' instead of integration."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI (100-436351)

FROM : Legat, London (100-3543) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, JR., aka
SM - NOI

OO: Chicago

DATE: 9/30/66

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Ruby's Report

Clay's contract will expire one day before bout here

By EARL RUBY,

Courier-Journal Sports Editor

It is a coincidence, but an appropriate one, that heavyweight champion Cassius Clay's first ring appearance after the termination of his contract with the Louisville Sponsoring Group should be here (see news story on Page B 9).

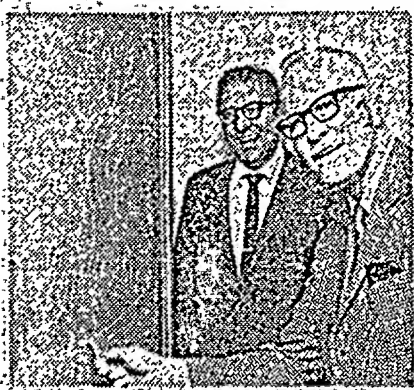
Clay's six-round exhibition here with Doug Jones on Oct. 27 comes the day after his contract with the Group runs out. That contract was signed shortly after Clay (Muhammad Ali) won the Olympic Games light-heavyweight championship and has run for six years.

"The Group and Cassius are parting as good friends," said Arthur Grafton, attorney for the sponsors, yesterday. "The purposes for which the Group was formed have been accomplished."

"Cassius has won the heavyweight championship and defended it successfully six times. Moreover, he has no outstanding debts and all his taxes are paid. He also has a substantial amount in his trust fund, which he cannot touch until he is 35 or until he retires permanently from the ring."

"The association with Clay also has been profitable for the Sponsoring Group, although it has not been the bonanza some people might think."

As for Clay, he said fighting in Louisville "as champion is my dream come true." The big dream, of course, would be for Clay to defend his title here. Perhaps he will. He has said he would like to do that. But first there's that title bout with Cleveland Williams in Houston and then, if successful, a defense against Ernie Terrell, the World Boxing Association titlist in Chicago. And by then the draft may have caught up with Cassius.



Staff Photo

ALI'S ALLIES: Promoter Bill King (left) and ticket chairman Ed Hasenour make plans for Clay's appearance.

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Mr. Rosen	_____
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of newspaper, city and state.)

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Courier-Journal
Louisville, Ky

Date: 9-30-66
Edition: Morning
Author:
Editor: Barry Bingham
Title:

Character:
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Classification: 100-4558
Submitting Office: Louisville
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Date: 9/12/66

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)

FROM SAC, TAMPA (105-7)

NATION OF ISLAM
IS-NOI

Attached herewith are 12 copies of LHM dated
and captioned as above which has been disseminated locally
to the following agencies:

ONI, Charleston, S.C.
OSI, Robins AFB, Ga.
G2, Ft. McPherson, Ga.
INTC, Tampa, Fla.
Secret Service, Tampa, Fla.

TP T-1 referred to in enclosed LHM is

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This LHM has been classified ~~confidential~~
because it contains information furnished by TP T-1, a
source of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure
of which information could reasonably result in the
identification of the informant and seriously hamper his
effectiveness in the Internal Security Field.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

TAMPA, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 12, 1966

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NATION OF ISLAM

TP T-1 who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 8, 1966 that at a meeting of Tampa Mosque, National of Islam (NOI) held on September 4, 1966 at 2108 Main Street, Tampa, Florida, Hasty Jones, the Minister of Tampa Mosque, made the following remarks:

Characterizations of Nation of Islam (NOI) and Muhammad Temple of Islam appear in the appendix pages attached hereto.

Hasty Jones stated that during the previous week he had attended a meeting of the Nation of Islam at the NOI headquarters in Chicago, Illinois at which Elijah Muhammad self-styled leader of the Nation of Islam made the statement that the NOI wants 100,000 acres of land within the United States and now has the money to pay for it. Elijah Muhammad also stated that the Black Muslims must go to the land this year and begin farming to sustain themselves. Hasty Jones stated that Elijah told those in attendance at this meeting that every member of NOI is to pay dues in the amount of \$15.00 a week as well as other assessments. Elijah also stated that he wants his ministers to enforce all rules of the NOI and that anyone who does not pay his weekly dues and assessments is to be turned away from the Mosque. Elijah also stated that anyone who does not join the Nation of Islam will similarly be turned away from the Mosque as will any women who appear at the Mosque wearing lipstick or short dresses.

Hasty Jones advised that Stokely Carmichael of

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Atlanta, Georgia, the leader of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) heavyweight boxing champion of the world, were present at this meeting.

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On July 10, 1963, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following Muhammad's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On July 10, 1963, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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APPENDIX

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MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLE OF ISLAM
Also Known as Muhammad's Mosque,
Tampa, Florida

A source advised in July, 1963, that the Nation of Islam (NOI) group was formed in Tampa by DAVID SNOW during 1959, and that this group is affiliated with the NOI in Chicago, Illinois, and that the Tampa group adheres to the teachings of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

The source has reported Muhammad's Temple of Islam in Tampa continued to meet at 1406 Central Avenue through December 1, 1965, and since that date it has had exclusive use of a complete lower floor of a combination office and store building located at 2108 Main Street, which it rents. Meetings have been held at the latter address through May, 1966.

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Muhammad Ali-496

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436351)

DATE: 11/29/66

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-40911) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: CASSIUS MARCELLUS CLAY, aka
SM - NOI
OO:LOUISVILLE

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ON 7-11-86
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Re Louisville letter to Chicago 11/3/66.

Relet reported the "Courier-Journal", a daily newspaper published in Louisville, Kentucky, in its issue of 10/26/66 reported CASSIUS CLAY as stating he would be getting married in about three months but would not identify his bride.

[redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 11/10/66 there are rumors [redacted] is considering [redacted] of [redacted] at Muhammad's Temple No. 2, Chicago.

These rumors are unverified and unofficial.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 11/21/66 officials of the NOI are trying to get [redacted] to [redacted] who is employed [redacted] in Chicago. [redacted] is stalling this issue and it is doubtful [redacted] will [redacted] according to the source, [redacted]

Chicago follows this matter; however, it is felt that if CLAY did get married it would receive extensive coverage in the news media.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - 25-531360) (CASSIUS CLAY)
- 2 - Louisville (100-4558) (RM)
- 3 - Chicago

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-9191) (P)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM captioned CASSIUS CLAY, aka. Muhammad Ali, suitable for dissemination.

Copies of this communication are being disseminated to Houston, Chicago, and Louisville, inasmuch as these offices have an investigative interest in this matter.

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally to OSI; ONI; 112th INTC; Secret Service, San Antonio; and Secret Service, Austin.

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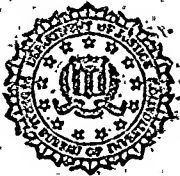
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San Antonio, Texas
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CASSIUS CLAY, also known as
Muhammad Ali

On October 5, 1966, SA T-1 advised that leaders of
Muhammad's Temple of Islam, San Antonio, had stated that

[redacted] would be [redacted] b7D
at either [redacted] or [redacted] in preparation for
[redacted] A movement is
underway at Muhammad's Temple of Islam, San Antonio, to
attempt to get every regular member of the Temple to
attend [redacted] if, as it is believed,
[redacted] will be in the vicinity of [redacted]

On October 10, 1966, SA T-2 advised that prior
to [redacted] in [redacted] on [redacted] b7D
[redacted] will do some teaching in Muhammad's Temple of Islam,
[redacted] SA T-2 was uncertain as to the date of
[redacted] arrival in [redacted] nor could he furnish information
concerning the [redacted] area which will be used by
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A characterization of Muhammad's Temple of Islam
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MUHAMMAD'S TEMPLE OF ISLAM
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

On June 29, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on June 28, 1965, DANE WARD, Acting Minister of the Nation of Islam (NOI) group in San Antonio, Texas, advised that this group is affiliated with, contributes to, and receives instructions from, the NOI organizational headquarters in Chicago, Illinois.

Source further advised that on June 28, 1965, RICHARD A. McDONALD, Minister of the NOI in San Antonio, presently inactive, advised that he was trained to be a Minister of the NOI at their university in Chicago, Illinois, and was sent to San Antonio, Texas, to establish a branch of the NOI, which he did. This group is presently headed by the Acting Minister, DANE WARD, and they send funds to the NOI headquarters in Chicago and receive instructions from them. Under instructions from Chicago, the organization in San Antonio now officially refers to itself as Muhammad's Temple of Islam (MTI) in San Antonio.

On September 22, 1965, another source advised that BEN E. RUCKER was acting as Captain of the MTI in San Antonio for the purpose of calling a meeting, and his wife, MABRIS RUCKER, is acting head of the Muslim Girls Training (MGT). RAYMOND 5X WELLINGTON visits the MTI in San Antonio periodically in order to conduct meetings since there is no minister officially designated in San Antonio.

APPENDIX

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Character	
Reference	San Antonio memorandum dated and captioned as above.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a gossip column article in the 9/29/66, issue of "Jet" Magazine stating the rumor of an impending marriage of CASSIUS CLAY to one of the daughters of United Arab Republic President GAMAL ABDEL NASSER and CLAY's subsequent denial in "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper.

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[redacted] is the source utilized in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified ~~confidential~~ as data appearing therein could conceivably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

Any additional information on this matter will be promptly and appropriately furnished to the Bureau.

The 9/29/66, issue of "Jet" magazine is being retained in Chicago file 100-35635-B.

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 - 1 - Louisville (100-4558) (CASSIUS CLAY) (Enc. 1) (RM)
 - 4 - Chicago
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 - 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
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The Nation of Islam (NOI) is described in the latter pages of this communication.

On October 5, 1966, a source advised that a recent issue of "Jet" Magazine contained an item in a "gossip" column that Cassius Clay, known in the NOI where he is a member as Muhammad Ali, and world's heavyweight boxing champion would marry one of the daughters of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic (UAR).

The September 29, 1966, issue of "Jet" Magazine, Volume 30, Number 125, which stated therein it was published biweekly by the Johnson Publishing Company, Incorporated, 1820 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, contained the following on Page 28 of that issue:

"Paris Scratchpad by Charles L. Sanders.

"....Is it just a rumor that a marriage is being arranged between Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) and one of the daughters of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser? If so, it's a strong rumor, and word is that the Chicago Muslims would be gleeful about the tie-in with the 'legitimate' sons of Allah. Fact is, the whole thing is supposed to have been engineered by Messenger Elijah

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Muhammad himself, and it's said that Nasser would have oked the deal already except for a personality clash between him and one of Messenger Muhammad's sons...."

The source advised further on October 5, 1966, that Herbert Muhammad, a son of Elijah Muhammad, who is National Public Relations Director of the NOI and [redacted] had along with [redacted] met with President Nasser in Egypt during May, 1966. ~~X~~ b7D

Volume 6, Number 3 of "Muhammad Speaks" dated October 7, 1966, contained an item on Page 7 captioned "Champion Denounces Marriage Rumor." This item in substance stated as follows:

An artificially contrived and blown-up "marriage" rumor printed in a recent issue of "Jet" Magazine was denounced here by world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali as purely a figment of someone's imagination. Muhammad referred to the magazine statement that a romance was being maneuvered between him and the daughter of UAR's President Gamal Abdel Nasser as another example of the concoctions dreamed up by the press, black as well as white, which only serve to confuse the real true events in the champion's life. Muhammad Ali specifically stated; "In the first place I was not even aware of the fact that President Nasser had any daughters. I certainly haven't seen any of them. I am sure no one in Egypt could have invented such a story. It sounds very American." Muhammad Ali, who has been the guest of the militant Egyptian leader, accompanied by his manager Herbert Muhammad on at least two occasions, said that he regarded the members of President Nasser's family with great warmth and admiration. He added to be related to them in any way would be a great honor but assured everyone that the reported romance was purely imaginary.

The Masthead of "Muhammad Speaks" states that it is published weekly by Muhammad's Mosque Number 2, 634 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred
to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known
as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On April 29, 1966, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.



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